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Student laptop program underway

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An ambitious program is underway, to give free computers to disadvantaged Australian school-children.

Called One Laptop Per Child, it's part of a global program begun by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the USA.

The Australian operation aims to provide laptops to 400-thousand children in remote areas.

The computer is called the XO Laptop - it's low cost, high quality, and extremely durable.

The XO is designed for children aged 5 to 15, has its own basic software, and has full internet connectivity.

It's already working in other parts of the world - and is a charity project that's absolutely free to the children.

The program is underwritten by donations and corporate sponsorship.

It's now set to be rolled out in some of Australia's most remote schools.