



COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY

AIM: A reliable, modem, cost effective communication system be available to all geographically isolated students in the Northern Territory

OBJECTIVES:

1. Access to high quality communications to include, but not be limited to, computer, modem, reasonable RAM memory and printer to all geographically isolated students.
2. A joint committee of educators and parent groups to plan for:
 - (a) the use of satellite communications in education, and
 - (b) the introduction of new technology into the distance education system.
3. The continuation and extension of video production at the school level to include class lessons and support materials for students and home tutors.
4. The importance of a minimum weekly mail service, to residents in the Northern Territory for delivery & return of distance education materials, at no cost to isolated students.
5. That postage rates be uniform within Australia.
6. A daily mail service of inwards and outwards mail to distance education schools to ensure minimum delay in turn-around time of lesson materials.
7. The continuation by distance education schools of distinctive packaging for the mailing of lesson materials.
8. That provision of untimed local calls to nearest service town to ensure that isolated or border district residents gain equity of access, particularly when a student is studying via distance education.
9. The continuation and expansion of the 1800 telephone service available to isolated families and students enrolled in Schools of Distance Education.
10. The establishment of dedicated telephone lines to Distance Education Schools with hands-free telephones at the students place of residence.
11. The continuation of best quality HF radio, including 'Free to Air' access, suitable frequencies, transmitter/receiver/broadcast points.