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TECHIE AUSTRALIA LIMITED

ABOUT TECHIE AUSTRALIA

WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE DO

Techie Australia is a not-for-profit organisation that takes donated technology—such as laptops, tablets, and accessories—and gives them a second life. Our team refurbishes and prepares these devices, then distributes them to schools, students, and community groups that need them most.

We believe that access to technology is essential for learning, creativity, and opportunity. Every student should be able to research, create projects, connect with others, and build the skills they'll need for the future, no matter their background.

By working with schools, families, and organisations, we're helping to close the digital divide in Australia. Each device we repurpose means one more student can take part fully in their education.

WHY YOUR ACTION MATTERS

THE DIGITAL DIVIDE AND HOW STUDENTS CAN HELP

In Australia, many students don't have reliable access to technology at home or at school. This can make it harder for them to complete assignments, explore their interests, or build the digital skills that are now a normal part of everyday life.

Techie Australia exists to change that, but we can't do it alone. We rely on people in the community, including students like you, to help us make an impact.

LINKING TO YOUR PYP EXHIBITION

HOW YOUR ACTION CONNECTS TO THE IB EXHIBITION GOALS

The IB Primary Years Programme Exhibition is all about taking meaningful action on issues that matter. By working with Techie Australia, you can connect your learning to a real challenge faced by students every day. Your project won't just explore an idea in theory; it will show how you've turned understanding into action, creating outcomes that make a difference for others.

1 **Show Agency**
By focusing on the digital divide, you're tackling a real problem and taking action to help solve it.

2 **Connect Globally**
Technology access is an issue worldwide; by helping in Australia, you're contributing to a bigger global conversation.

3 **Demonstrate Impact**
Whether you raise awareness, gather donations, or fundraise, you can show clear evidence of how your work makes a difference.

4 **Reflect and Share**
You'll have the chance to present your process, explain why you chose this action, and share outcomes with your peers and teachers.

WAYS TO GET INVOLVED

PRACTICAL PATHWAYS FOR STUDENTS

At Techie Australia, we've created a number of pathways designed especially for students who want to take action. Each one connects directly to our mission of closing the digital divide, while also giving you the chance to make a real contribution through your PYP Exhibition.

On the following pages, you'll find different ways you can get involved, from raising awareness to running a mini donation drive. You can choose the activity that best fits your project, or even combine a few. Every option makes a genuine difference.

TECH DRIVE

TURNING UNUSED DEVICES INTO POWERFUL LEARNING TOOLS

What it is
A Tech Drive is a collection of unused laptops, tablets, and accessories from your school community, family, or friends. Many people have working devices at home that they no longer use. Collecting these gives them a new life with students who need them most.

Why it matters
Every device you collect can be refurbished by Techie Australia and passed on to a student who doesn't have access to technology. Even a small Tech Drive can create real change by helping another student complete their schoolwork, explore new ideas, and connect with the world.

How to do it

1. Pick a collection spot (like your classroom, library, or office).

2. Work with your teacher to spread the word — posters, announcements, or a newsletter item are great ways to promote it.

3. Set a time frame (one to two weeks works best).

4. At the end, arrange to hand the devices over to Techie Australia so they can be repaired and prepared for new owners.

Impact

A Tech Drive doesn't just collect devices; it gives students the tools they need to learn, create, and succeed. It's one of the most powerful ways a single Exhibition project can make a lasting difference.

HELPING HANDS FUNDRAISER

STUDENTS SUPPORTING STUDENTS THROUGH TECHIE.

What it is

This activity is about raising money to support Techie Australia. The fundraiser doesn't need to be technology-related; it could be a cake stall, a read-a-thon, a raffle, or even a casual clothes day at school.

Why it matters

Every dollar raised helps us buy the parts, chargers, and accessories we need to get donated devices back into working order. It means more laptops and tablets can be placed in the hands of students who need them most.

How to do it

1. Pick a fundraising idea that excites you.

2. Plan it with your teacher so it's simple, safe, and fun.

3. Spread the word through posters, announcements, or newsletters.

4. Donate the funds raised to Techie Australia.

Impact

Your event doesn't just raise money, it powers real change. The funds you collect will directly turn unused devices into working tools for students, giving them new opportunities to learn and succeed.

COMMUNITY AWARENESS

SHARING THE MESSAGE SO OTHERS CAN TAKE ACTION TOO.

What it is

A Community Awareness Drive is about spreading the word so more people know about the digital divide and how Techie Australia is working to close it. By sharing the message, you help other families, schools, and community members understand the problem and how they can help.

Why it matters

Awareness is often the first step that leads to action. When people know about the digital divide, they are more likely to donate devices, contribute funds, or support Techie's work. Every conversation, poster, or article can spark someone else to get involved.

How to do it

1. Work with your teacher to choose the best ways to share the message (posters, newsletter articles, presentations, or a school website feature).

2. Prepare simple, clear information about what the digital divide is and how Techie Australia helps.

3. Share your work widely: in class, at assemblies, in newsletters, or online through school channels.

4. Encourage others to pass the message along to their families and networks.

Impact

By raising awareness, you help build a community of supporters around Techie Australia. Your efforts can inspire device donations, encourage fundraising, and ensure more students get the technology they need to succeed.

NEXT STEPS

HOW TO GET STARTED AND WHAT TO DO AFTER CHOOSING AN ACTIVITY

1 Choose your project
Decide whether you'd like to run a Device Donation Drive, organise a Fundraiser, or lead a Community Awareness Drive.

2 Plan it out
Work with your teacher to set clear goals, pick dates, and make sure you have everything you need.

3 Take action
Carry out your chosen activity—collect devices, raise funds, or spread the word.

4 Share your results
Document what you did (photos, posters, a short write-up) to include in your Exhibition and to inspire others.

5 Stay connected
Send your results to Techie Australia so we can celebrate your effort and show its impact.

CONTACT AND SUPPORT

WHO TO REACH OUT TO AT TECHIE AUSTRALIA

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