



**Grey**

The Seat of Grey covers 92.4% of South Australia, including the State Electorates of Giles, Flinders, Narungga, Stuart and the majority of Frome.



## ROWAN RAMSEY MP

PARLIAMENT OF AUSTRALIA • HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Federal Member for Grey



Dear Principal and staff,

Re: School Student Broadband Initiative (SSBI)

Family finances are stretched, and sadly some students simply don't have access to a NBN service at their home. We know that access to a reliable internet service is crucial to everyday learning and further education opportunities. Without internet access, a young person's access to education can be severely compromised.

To boost education opportunities and narrow the digital divide, up to 30,000 eligible families without home internet can apply to access a free National Broadband Network (NBN) service. A family can nominate to receive a free service up to 31 December 2024. This free service will continue until 31 December 2025 for all existing and new families. Families can directly contact the National Referral Centre to have their eligibility assessed or be referred by a participating nominating organisation.

To be eligible, a family must:

- Have a child living at home that is enrolled in an Australian school.
- Have no active broadband service over the NBN network.
- Live in a premise where they can access a standard NBN service.
- Not have had an active NBN service during the previous 14 days.

To check eligibility, follow these simple steps.

- Contact the National Referral Centre, operated by Anglicare Victoria, on [1800 954 610](tel:1800954610) (Mon–Fri, 10am–6pm AEDT), [www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet](http://www.anglicarevic.org.au/student-internet).
- The National Referral Centre team will help assess eligibility for the SSBI, by checking applicants' details including applicants residential address and current financial situation.
- If eligible, a voucher will be issued to be redeemed at any of the participating SSBI retail service providers. The National Referral Centre will also be available to assist with contacting your SSBI retail service provider of choice and providing follow-up support.
- If you believe you have a student/s who may benefit from this initiative, you will find additional information at [www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI](http://www.infrastructure.gov.au/SSBI).

Wishing your students, staff, and community a happy and successful year of learning in 2024.

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