



RECORD NUMBER OF PRIMARY SCHOOLS APPLY FOR E-LEARNING GRANTS

Sydney, 20 June 2003: The Commonwealth Bank has received around 1500 applications for e-learning grants from primary schools across Australia, almost 200 more than were received last year.

The Bank invited primary schools to apply for one of 70 grants of \$5000 each to help in the development of literacy and numeracy skills through an online project.

The CEO of the Commonwealth Bank, David Murray, said the growth in interest this year was very heartening. "Last year was the first year of the e-learning grants program and participation by the schools was outstanding," Mr Murray said.

"The record number of applications this year shows us that the grants are valued by the schools for the opportunities they provide and are highly sought after."

The Bank makes the e-learning grants available as part of its support for National Literacy and Numeracy Week (NLNW). The grants program was developed in consultation with the Department of Education, Science and Training and all major education departments and authorities, including Government, Catholic and Independent.

Judging of applications will conclude in early August and successful schools will be announced at the launch of NLNW on 29 August 2003.

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