



## **KINCOPPAL ROSE BAY EMBRACES THE ICDL**

The ICDL program has proven to be a success with both students and staff at Kincoppal-Rose Bay. The school's second cohort has successfully completed the course and was presented with their licences and certificates by a representative of the Australian Computer Society, at a special presentation on Nov 23rd.

By completing the seven modules of the ICDL, students gain a set of core ICT skills which provide them with a solid foundation in the use of Information Technology in all their subjects. This skill level is reflected in the results the students have achieved in the Australasian Schools Computer Skills Competition and in the Year 10 Computer Skills Trial Test. Kincoppal-Rose Bay has been involved in the Computer Skills Trial Test since 2002, and each year, our students perform well above the State average in all areas being tested. From 2006, this test will be compulsory for all Year 10 students in the State.

The ICDL program now starts in Year 8 during Term 4 and is completed by the end of Term 2 in Year 10. New students are encouraged to join the program when they arrive in the school, and many of them enthusiastically catch up on missed modules in their own time during the after school laptop sessions, run by specialist staff in the Homework Centre.