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The NSW Department of Education and Macquarie University have been involved in a partnership relating to the Mac ICT Centre since 2001. Over this time, the partnership has made a significant contribution to the learning of students in NSW, the professional learning for teachers in schools and the research opportunities for staff at the university. More importantly, the work of the MacICT has over the years, contributed to the innovation in ICT learning in schools across NSW.

We are pleased to advise that from 2017, the MacICT centre will merge with the Department of Education's Futures Unit. The partnership with Macquarie University will continue and will focus on future focused learning, building on the knowledge and experiences of the partnership in the past, and the development of an enhanced partnership that will have a broader coverage across the state.

This transition will commence from the beginning of 2017.

Macquarie University, representatives from the Futures Learning Unit and Cathie Howe Professional Learning and Leadership Coordinator MacICT will collaboratively manage this transition from the beginning of 2017.

Prior commitments to schools for delivery of professional learning during Term 1 and 2 2017 will proceed. Schools are encouraged to contact the Futures Unit for the provision of futures focussed learning / ICT professional learning from the beginning of Term 1 2017

The NSW Department of Education remains committed to the continued provision of high quality professional learning through the department's Futures Learning area and will continue to deliver a range of state-wide services that will support school communities, leaders and teachers in NSW public schools.

Yours sincerely

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