

Online school link for parents

■ Mansfield to launch new Knowledge Community

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MANSFIELD Secondary College (MSC) is to introduce a web-based application today to link parents, teachers and students online.

Called 'Knowledge Community', the program will facilitate secure connection between all stakeholders in the High Country Cluster - the Mansfield primary and secondary school system.

Proponent of the system, MSC principal Peter Baddeley, said

Knowledge Community provides an environment where approved parties can communicate with each other privately and freely on all educational matters.

He said parents would be able to log onto the school website and review their child's timetable and activities, and at a later stage use a password to access results and assessments, as well as look at upcoming events and school news.

Although the Department of Education is developing a similar system - Ultraset - this is still at

the calling tenders stage and it would be some time before it was available.

"Ours is really an interim measure," said Mr Baddeley.

"We wanted to get on with it and not wait until the departmental version was ready."

Knowledge Community will be launched today at 11am at MSC Applied Learning Centre by Mansfield Shire Council chief executive officer, David Roff, attended by Sophie Mirabella (MHR, Indi) and the Nationals' Bill Sykes (MLA, Benalla).