Skype Teaching, Equipment and Resources

We require students to have the following resources available and in place prior to the Skype session beginning.

- Windows desktop computer or laptop running Windows 7, (Windows XP is no longer supported by Microsoft for Skype use) or a Mac desktop or laptop running Mac OS X 10.6 or above.

- Most modern laptops, tablets and desktop computers are equipped with the power to run Skype. Tablets such as iPads, Android and some Fire HD Kindles are suitable for support sessions where a simple discussion is required, desktop and laptops will offer the screen sharing and drop box features.

- Skype support is generally better with a Broadband internet connection. Mobile connection to Skype does not always guarantee a suitable and consistent connection.

- Webcam – it is essential to have a webcam to use the Skype student support facility. For video calling look for a webcam with a resolution of 640 x 480 and frames per second (fps) of 30 or more. Many devices such as iPads and kindles have a built in camera. These are suitable for use in Skype sessions.

- Microphone - if your computer does not have a built in microphone you can purchase a headset with microphone. Should you need to buy a webcam some models will have a microphone built in.

- Students should insure they have adequate stationary, pens, highlighters and note paper.