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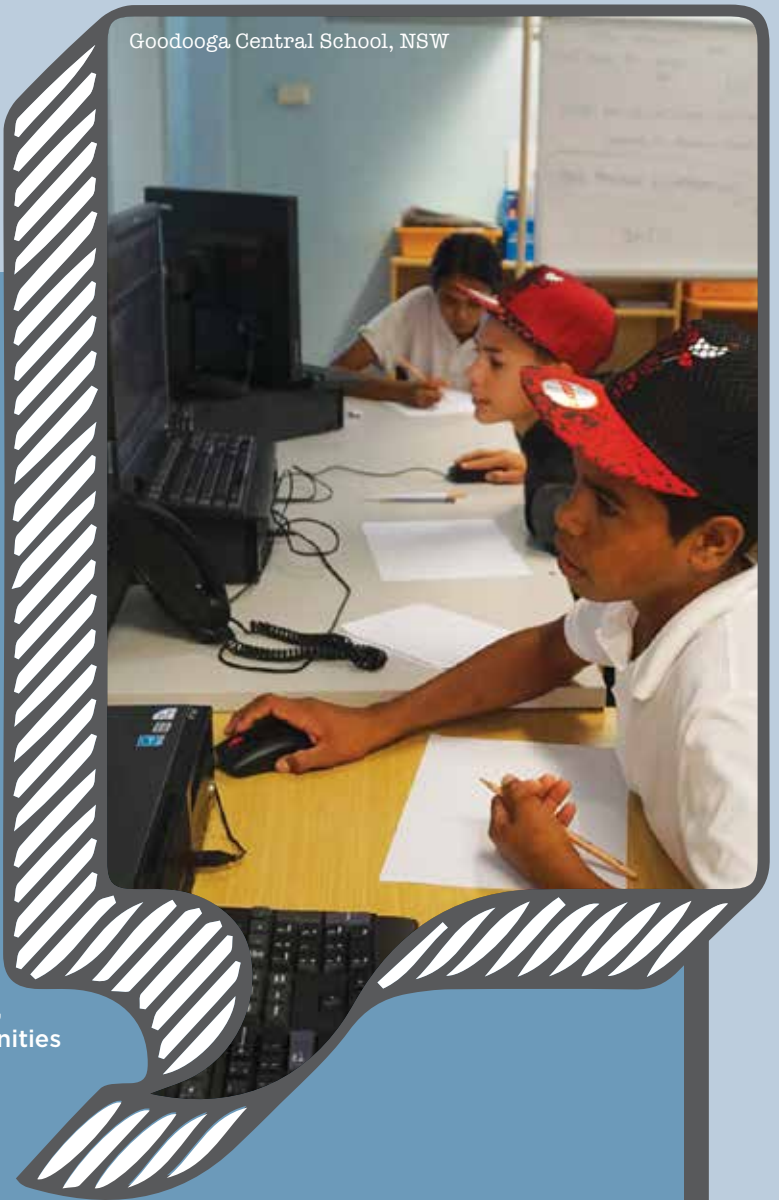
\$900,000

over three years towards the development of eBeacon, a new online platform to substantially expand Beacon's reach to young people in regional and remote Australia.

Beacon Foundation has a 28 year history of supporting young people to successfully transition to employment, further education or training. Economic and geographic barriers constrain growth of the Beacon model, especially into those rural and regional communities that typically have the highest rates of youth unemployment.

Having recognised the high potential of rapidly developing technologies to overcome access barriers, Beacon invested time and reserves to test the eBeacon concept. It was quickly apparent that it had the potential to be a transformational project enabling the expansion of the Beacon model to many more schools, communities, businesses and young people.

VFFF is supporting Beacon to work with 20 rural and remote schools and communities in NSW over three years to trial eBeacon components and progressively build product enhancements. By 2018, this tailored product will be fully implemented in the 20 schools and Beacon will be positioned to replicate the learnings and the final product across Australia.



“Our partnership with VFFF has been instrumental in moving eBeacon from inception to reality. The Executive and Board of VFFF are incredibly authentic in their personal commitment to the work of Beacon that provides us with a great sounding board and confidence in delivery of such a unique project. VFFF’s commitment to social impact and its willingness to invest in innovative solutions has supported Beacon in our efforts to be on the cutting edge in harnessing technology to empower and inspire young Australians to achieve the best possible outcomes”. Scott Harris, CEO Beacon Foundation