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During the 1981-82 school year, considerable thought and research was devoted to the role of computers within the school and the specific hardware needs required. As a result, the school has acquired a configuration of Commodore Super PETs with facility for FORTRAN, BASIC, PASCAL, COBOL and APL languages. This modern equipment is located in a computer lab adjacent to a classroom allowing for easy access and visual control for the teacher.

The experience of the past four months has indicated that this network configuration is very functional. The language capability and interactive nature of the computers has allowed students to study the relevant subjects, computer science, word processing, and data processing, on modern site of the art equipment.

The Super PETs have been made operational for Word Processing by the acquisition of the WORD PRO 4+ software package. This particular aspect of the equipment is used in office practice and by adult business education students at Miles Macdonell and by the continuing education department for night school instruction.

It is hoped that the lab will be expanded again in 1983-84 with six more microcomputers and MuPET channels as well as BPI accounting programs.