

Chromebook Device Allocation to Secondary Students 2024

Dear Parents or Guardians,

The Digital Access & Equity (DAE) program which is an ACT Government 2018 initiative to help bridge the equity gap in technology by allocating all Canberra public secondary students with personal electronic devices for learning - anywhere, anytime. The DAE program enables all public secondary students to have a Chromebook for school and home use for the purpose of learning. Parents can elect **not** to participate, and students may either bring their own device (BYOD) to school, or access existing school-based desktop computers. Please indicate your decision for participation on the Chromebook Acceptance Form, and return just the signed **Page 3** of this document to the school – keeping Page 1 and Page 2 for you reference. Your child will also be required to read and sign the Chromebook Acceptance Form before being allocated a Chromebook. The ACT Education Directorate's ICT network is equipped with internet content filtering for age-appropriate access and schools and users are bound by the school's Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement. Outside of the school network, internet access and filtering, is the responsibility of students and parents and is not monitored by the Directorate.

If you have any questions about the program, you can view the details from the ***“Future of Education – Digital Access and Equity Program”***, here: <https://www.education.act.gov.au/public-school-life/learn-anywhere-ict-for-students/future-of-education-digital-access-and-equity-program>

And additional information can be found within the ***“Parent Information Booklet”***, here: https://www.education.act.gov.au/_data/assets/pdf_file/0017/1130228/Future-of-Education-Digital-Access-and-Equity-Program-Parent-Information-Book.pdf

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Chromebook Acceptance Form

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you wish for your child to participate in the Device Access & Equity (DAE) program, you and your child both need to complete and sign Part A of this form without changing it. Students will not be able to receive a Chromebook until this completed form is returned indicating parent agreement to opt into the initiative. If you do not wish to participate in the initiative, please complete and sign Part B of this form only. Please return only the completed **Page 3** of this form to the school (in hard copy, or by emailing a scanned copy to gungahlincollege@ed.act.edu.au).

Part A. Parent/guardian agreement to OPT IN

I agree for my child to receive a Chromebook under the following conditions:

- The Chromebook issued to my child is for educational purposes while they are enrolled at the school.
- The Chromebook remains the property of the Australian Capital Territory Government (Territory).
- I have read and discussed with my child, the Communities Online: Acceptable use of ICT – Parents and Students Policy and Guidelines and all other policies and documents published on the ACT Education Directorate’s Policy webpage.
- While my child is at school, the Territory’s filtering software reduces the risk of accidental access to inappropriate online content. The Territory and other people helping or working with the Territory, may monitor use of Chromebooks and may access information added to the Chromebook.
- I am responsible for my child’s use of the Chromebook outside regular school hours, including supervision and ensuring healthy, safe and acceptable use.
- The Territory will not monitor my child’s use of the Chromebook on my behalf.
- I will immediately notify the school if my child’s Chromebook is stolen, lost or damaged and provide any evidence that the Territory asks for, such as a statutory declaration or police report. Stolen, lost or damaged Chromebooks will be remotely disabled by the Territory, so that no one can use them.
- The Territory does not have to repair or replace any Chromebook that is stolen, lost or damaged.
- I will return the Chromebook and any accessories to the school if requested, including for repair and maintenance, or when my child permanently leaves the ACT public school system.
- A breach of this form, or the Acceptable use of ICT Agreement already signed by my child, including by misuse of the Chromebook, could result in removal of access to the Chromebook.

Any illegal behaviour will be notified to police.



STUDENT CHROMEBOOK AGREEMENT

Student agreement (if parent/ guardian opts in)

I understand that the Chromebook is Territory property. I will:

- follow all of the policies mentioned in Part A of this form; and any instructions from my school, when using the Chromebook,
- take care of the Chromebook including by making sure that it is not lost, damaged or stolen
- immediately report any issues to my school, and
- return the Chromebook whenever requested, or when I permanently leave the ACT public school system.

If I don't use the Chromebook responsibly, my school may confiscate the Chromebook or take any other appropriate actions.

By signing below, I confirm that I have read, understood and agree to the above.

*(*Please print clearly where applicable!)*

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

STUDENT:

Student ID Number: _____ School: GUNGAHLIN COLLEGE

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Device: _____ Serial# _____ Date Assigned: _____

Part B. INDICATION TO OPT OUT

I DO NOT give permission for my child _____ (insert child's name), to receive a Chromebook under the Device Access & Equity (DAE) program. I understand that, unless I have made alternative arrangements with the principal of my child's school, my child will still have access to SchoolsNET, the Google Suite for Education, and other online resources, with access to desktop devices for learning purposes during regular school hours.

Student ID Number: _____ School: GUNGAHLIN COLLEGE

PARENT/GUARDIAN:

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____