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Better Schools for Our Kids

- The ACT Government is delivering quality early childhood and public school education to shape every child's future and lay the foundation for lifelong learning.
- The Government is working in partnership with students, parents and the community to ensure that every child and young person in the ACT will benefit from high quality, accessible education.

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- This Budget includes a provision of $17.166 million over the next four years to provide a computing device to all high school and college students. This will improve student learning outcomes, minimise administrative overheads at schools and support teachers in quality classroom practices.

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Attachment E - Minister's letter to parents

Yvette Berry MLA
Deputy Chief Minister

Member for Ginninderra

Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development
Minister for Housing and Suburban Development
Minister for the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence
Minister for Women
Minister for Sport and Recreation

Dear parents and guardians,

Chromebook Device Allocation to Secondary Students

I am happy to update you on the government's commitment to ensuring that all students have access to the technology that they need to learn.

From Term 1 2018, the government will provide all public secondary students, starting with years 7-11, with an Acer Chromebook Spin 11 to support their learning, at school and at home.

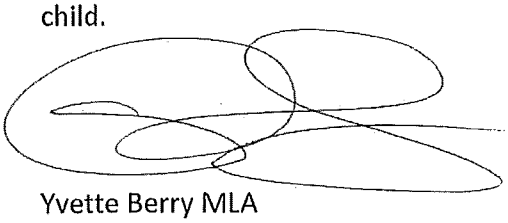
In many ways, these devices are the textbooks of today and are a core part of enabling learning for students. The ACT Government is committed to ensuring that all students have equal access to a great education. Irrespective of family circumstances, every student will have an equal opportunity to access technology-based learning when and where they need it.

The Chromebooks are being provided to students under a loan arrangement. While devices may be used and stored at home, they remain the property of the ACT Government. Use of the device at home comes with responsibilities for both parents and students.

Participation in the program is optional. Students who do not wish to receive a Chromebook will continue to be provided with access to computers at school. Alternatively, students may continue to bring their own device to school to support their learning under existing Bring Your Own Device policy.

Resources and advice on the program, including safe use at home, is available on the Education Directorate's website at: www.education.act.gov.au/learn-anywhere. Please complete the attached form indicating your decision to participate and return it to your school by Friday, 1 December 2017. If you have any questions about the program, please contact your school for more information.

I am excited to be part of this important program and the educational opportunities it offers your child.



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Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development

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Chromebook Acceptance Form

IMPORTANT NOTE:
If you wish for your child to participate in the *Better schools for our kids – technology enabled learning* initiative, you and your child both need to complete and sign Part A and Part B of this form without changing it. Students may not be able to receive a Chromebook until this completed form is returned indicating parent agreement to opt in to the initiative. If you do not wish to participate in the initiative, please complete and sign Part C of this form only. Please return the completed form to your child's school (in hard copy or by emailing a scanned copy of the completed form to [INSERT EMAIL ADDRESS]) by [INSERT DATE].

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 (**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 Learn Anywhere website at: [INSERT WEBSITE ADDRESS].
- 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.
- 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.

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Part B. 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

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- return the Chromebook whenever requested or when I permanently leave my school.

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.

Student ID No: _____ School: _____

Student Name: _____ Student Signature: _____

Parent/guardian Name: _____ Parent/guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

Part C. Parent indication to opt out

I DO NOT give permission for my child _____ (insert child's name) in Year_____ to receive a Chromebook under the *Better schools for our kids– technology enabled learning* initiative. 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 G suite for Education and other online resources, and a Chromebook for learning purposes during regular school hours.

Student ID No: _____ School: _____

Parent/guardian Name: _____ Parent/guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

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5 February 2018

Attention news editors and chiefs of staff

Not for broadcast or distribution

Chief Minister Andrew Barr, and Minister for Education and Early Childhood Development Yvette Berry, will tomorrow visit Kingsford Smith School for the rollout of Chromebook devices for their secondary school students.

All year 7 to year 11 students in Canberra public schools will be offered a Chromebook device at the beginning of Term 1, which will include all public high school and college students by 2019. This government initiative ensures that every high school and college student in Canberra public schools will have equitable access to the modern tools they need for learning, irrespective of family or financial circumstances.

WHAT: 2018 Chromebook Rollout to Canberra Public Secondary School Students

DATE: 6 February 2018

TIME: 2.00pm

WHERE: Kingsford Smith School, 100 Starke Street, Holt ACT 2615

Statement ends

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TALKING POINTS:

- Today, we are at Kingsford Smith School to celebrate the rollout of Chromebook devices for their secondary school students to kick off the school year.
- This government initiative ensures that every high school and college student in Canberra public schools will have equitable access to the modern tools they need for learning, irrespective of family or financial circumstances.
- As part of an ACT Government 2016 election commitment, all year 7 to year 11 students in Canberra public schools will be offered a Chromebook device in the first three weeks of Term 1 this year.
- By 2019, all Canberra public high school and college students will have the opportunity to receive a Chromebook to use for their learning throughout their secondary school years.
- The Chromebooks are great devices for students as they are sturdy, fast, have great battery life and best align with existing ACT public school IT infrastructure.
- Students are already equipped with access to a specialised Google educational platform where they access Google applications for education. These Chromebooks integrate seamlessly with these applications in a safe, secure and easily managed platform.
- Teachers are also already familiar with these existing platforms, which means they can focus more on providing rich learning and teaching opportunities without needing to learn different devices.
- The Chromebooks rollout builds on the excellent technology already available to ACT public school students, including fast wireless internet, a bring your own device arrangement - which students can still do if they wish - and cloud education applications through the Google platform.
- As amazing as this technology is, these Chromebooks do not replace great teachers or great teaching. What they do is enhance students' learning as an education tool and provide students the access to learn wherever they are and at any time.

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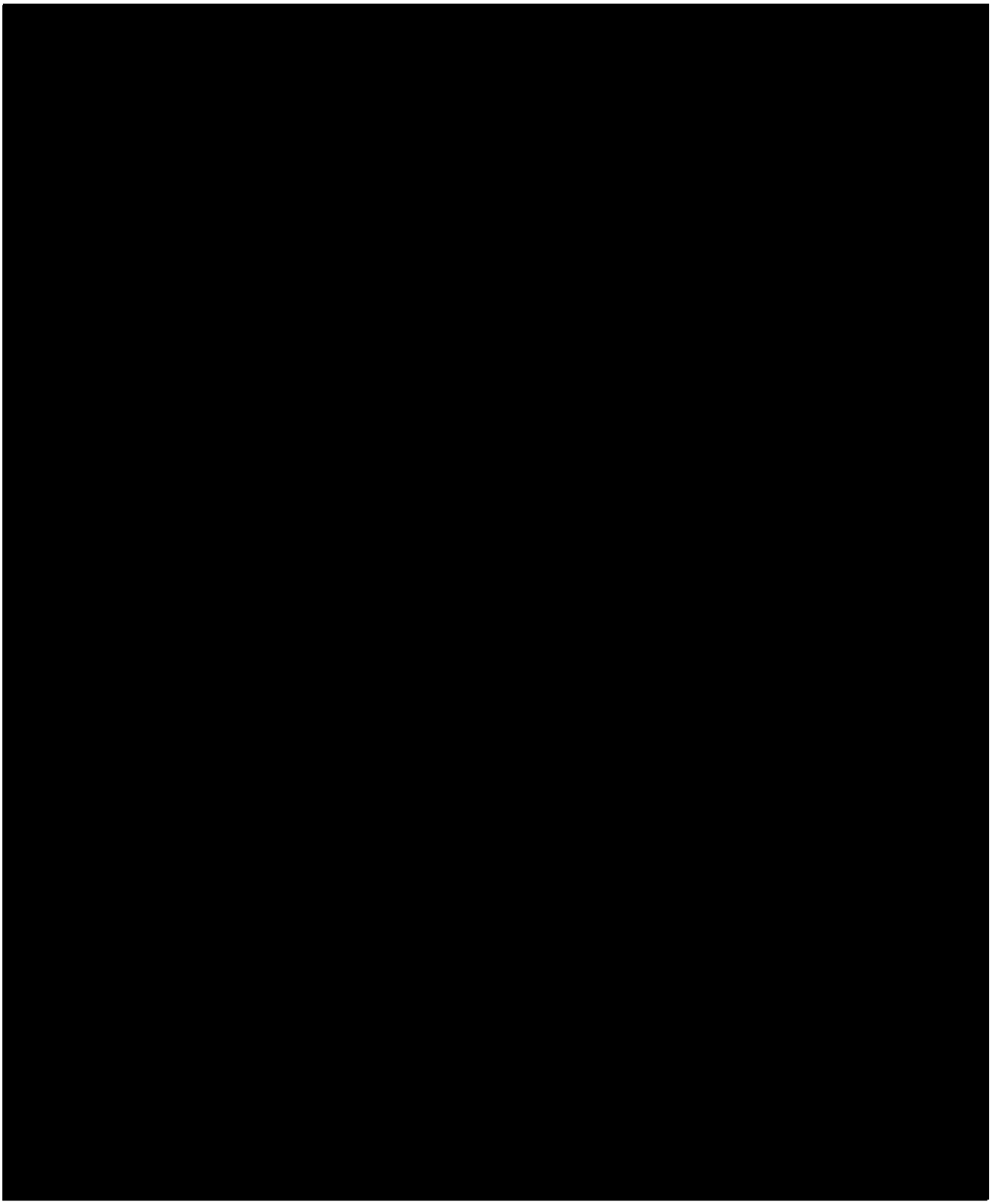

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CHIEF MINISTER'S TALKBACK – HOT ISSUES

Complete and accurate as at: 15 February 2018

ISSUE: Chrome Books/Mobile phones at school TECHNOLOGY ENABLED LEARNING – DEVICES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Talking points/response

Starting in 2018 the ACT Government will deliver on its election commitment to provide equity of access to technology to all Canberra public secondary students.

Over the first three weeks of Term 1 2018 over 14,500 year 7-11 students will be issued with a Chromebook device. New year 7 cohorts will receive devices over the following two program years.

Every child deserves an equal chance for a great education and access to technology for learning will not be an educational barrier in the ACT.

Irrespective of family circumstances, every student will have an equal opportunity to access technology so that they can learn wherever they are and use technology whenever they need it.

A total of $11.483m has been committed to support the first three years of the program.

Key Information

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Our schools emphasise the use of ICT and the development of ICT skills to ensure that their students can develop their capacity to analyse information, solve problems and communicate in a highly digital society.

Students and parents have been provided with information and resources on eSafety best practice in partnership with the Office of eSafety Commissioner.

eSafety and digital citizenship is a core component of the Australian Curriculum implemented across all Schools.

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Our schools emphasise the use of ICT and the development of ICT skills to ensure that their students can develop their capacity to analyse information, solve problems and communicate in a highly digital society. This is in line with the objectives of the Australian Curriculum which requires students to understand how to operate effectively in a digital world.

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QUESTION TIME BRIEF

Portfolio/s Education & Early Childhood Development

ISSUE: TECHNOLOGY ENABLED LEARNING – DEVICES FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS

Talking points:

- The ACT Government has delivered on its election commitment to provide equity of access to technology to Canberra public secondary students.
- Over the first three weeks of Term 1 2018 over 14,500 year 7-11 students were issued with a Chromebook device. New year 7 cohorts will receive devices over the following two program years.
- Every child deserves an equal chance for a great education and access to technology for learning will not be an educational barrier in the ACT.
- Irrespective of family circumstances, every student will have an equal opportunity to access technology so that they can learn wherever they are and use technology whenever they need it.

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