



Dear Parents or Guardians,

Chromebook Device Allocation to Secondary Students 2026

The Better schools for our kids – Technology Enabled Learning (TEL) program is now known as Device 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 program will continue into 2026 for students commencing Year 7 and students in other years who are new to the ACT Government School system. The DAE program enables all 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 bring their own device to school. Please indicate your decision for participation on the Chromebook Acceptance Form and return it to the school. 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 questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 6142 3100.

Kinds Regards

Dan Breen,

Principal

Gold Creek School

Chromebook Acceptance Form

IMPORTANT NOTE: If you wish for your child to participate in the Better schools for our kids – Device Access & Equity, you and your child both need to complete and sign Part A and Part B 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 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 **GoldCreek.Enrolments@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 (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.

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
- 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.

Student ID No: _____

School: Gold Creek 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– Device Access & Equity 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.

Student ID No: _____

School: Gold Creek School

Parent/guardian Name: _____

Parent/guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____