



## Better schools for our kids – technology enabled learning initiative

### Fact Sheet

#### What is the initiative about?

The technology enabled learning initiative has been developed to ensure that every secondary student in Canberra public schools has the same access to a Chromebook to enhance their learning through technology, irrespective of family circumstances.

Chromebooks will be used as a tool to help engage secondary students, enhance their learning experiences, provide them with opportunity to collaborate and discover, and in doing so produce responsible, literate and knowledgeable digital citizens.

#### Who gets a Chromebook?

2018 saw the allocation of Chromebooks to Year 7-11 Canberra public secondary students. In 2019, this will extend to new Year 7 students and other new enrolments to secondary public schools.

#### Where Can I find more information?

Information about the program, including a Parent Information booklet, is available on the ACT Government Directorate's website at: [https://www.education.act.gov.au/teaching\\_and\\_learning/learn-anywhere-ict-for-students/better-schools-for-our-kids-technology-enabled-learning](https://www.education.act.gov.au/teaching_and_learning/learn-anywhere-ict-for-students/better-schools-for-our-kids-technology-enabled-learning).

#### What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a laptop that runs on Google's web-based operating system - Chrome OS. They are integrated with Google applications (apps) such as Google Forms, Google Calendar and Google Drive

#### What is G Suite for Education?

G suite for Education contains the Google applications mentioned above as well as others, such as Google Classroom. The suite of applications supports collaboration and communication between students and teachers and will be added to as more applications are introduced that enhance teaching and learning.

You can learn more about what our schools are doing with G suite for Education and Chromebooks by viewing our *Digital Schools - Our Stories* blog at

<http://digitalschoolsact.blogspot.com.au/>

#### Why Chromebooks?

Chromebooks are super-fast, easy to use, durable and light-weight.

Chromebooks are also capable and versatile in developing coding and computational thinking skills. There are a number of free web app-based integrated development environments (IDEs) that can be used to write and edit code.