



## Glen Eira College

### CHROMEBOOK PROGRAM – Frequently asked Questions

#### **What is a Chromebook & why does my child need one?**

A Chromebook is a small, portable personal computer. It uses Google Chrome as the operating system and is most useful when connected to the Internet. It allows students to access the Internet, in particular the Google Apps for Education suite (such as Google Drive, Docs, Sheets, Classroom, etc.), which have been used successfully at our school for several years. Its quick start up time makes it ideal for classroom use. While at school the devices are to be used for educational use only.

#### **For how many years will my child require a Chromebook?**

Your child will need a Chromebook from the beginning of Year 7 to be carried through the next 4 years. Many students are still using well cared for Chromebooks through Year 12.

#### **When will Chromebooks be distributed to students?**

Orders that are placed early (dates will be provided on the school website) will receive Chromebooks before the start of transition. Later orders placed before the end of the year should have them available for the start of the school year. Families will be notified when the Chromebooks are ready to be collected. At Years 10, 11 and 12 a specialised BYOD program exists.

#### **Will my child use their Chromebook in every class?**

No. The use of Chromebooks will be integrated within a wide range of teaching and learning activities. Our teachers will determine when students should use their Chromebook. Students must, however, bring their Chromebook to every class (unless explicitly instructed otherwise). Students are encouraged to use their Chromebook to support their learning outside of class time - in the library, at home, etc.

#### **What if my child's Chromebook is lost or damaged?**

The Chromebooks purchased by each student are covered by the manufacturer's warranty. Any defects or damage that occurs in the normal use of the device will be covered by this warranty. Whilst devices are being repaired, a loaned Chromebook will be made available to the student (depending upon the availability of such devices at the time).

Damage due to negligence or malicious behaviour is not covered by the manufacturer's warranty. In any instance where a student loses or damages a Chromebook due to negligent or malicious behaviour, the student's family will be expected to cover the costs of repair or replacement. The College will endeavour to ensure the repair costs are kept as low as possible. The maximum charge will not exceed the cost of the device.

#### **Do we need to purchase any software for the Chromebook?**

No. A Chromebook uses the Google Chrome operating system, and free applications can be added (as required) by students and staff from the Google Chrome Web Store. The Chromebook has limited hard drive space with most work being cloud-based.