



# Devonport High School for Boys

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Dear Parent or Carer

## Chromebooks for Learning Scheme

It is our vision that every student at DHSB will have access to and own a Chromebook. We are very excited about the impact this development will have on our students' learning. Our students' daily lives are filled with technology and they are quick to embrace new developments. We want our students to feel at ease in this rapidly changing climate, and make sure they are ready for real world opportunities.

Chromebooks provide a great vehicle to help our students become responsible digital citizens and lifelong learners. Our scheme is an opt in scheme; provision will be made for those who choose not to join, and no student will be made to feel excluded by not owning one. However, as a school, we firmly believe in the merits of the scheme and the educational benefits of students having their own device and expect that many parents will want to support this initiative.

The educational experience for our students should be as varied, dynamic and stimulating as possible and we know through our extensive research that this technology supports this goal. Embracing the combination of school and home learning is crucial to the future success of young people. Technology allows learning to be increasingly engaging and lets the school extend effective learning beyond the classroom. Chromebooks and Google Apps for Education will enable all our students to have anytime access to information wherever they are. We need to make sure this is done securely, safely and productively.

We have been using Google Apps for Education Suite at DHSB for many years and you will be aware that we are a Google Worldwide Reference School, as a result we have been using Chromebooks within lessons and at other times of the school day for many years where we have received positive feedback from our students and our staff in regards to their benefits and use. We have been working closely with our chosen supplier on a great package which we feel is competitive and meets the needs of our students and the school. We have tested various Chromebooks, apple devices and android devices and feel that the Chromebook is the only device, which is consistent, that supports our school requirements and is best value for money.

In June we will send you updated information on the package available for next year with a link to the portal which will enable you to enroll in our Chromebooks for Learning Scheme and purchase a device. The aim is for the devices to be delivered and ready for use in the first two weeks of the new term in September 2021.

In the meantime, to help you consider whether to take up this opportunity, we have prepared a document with frequently asked questions about the scheme which is available to read on the parents and students page on our website (letter and documents/whole school documents).

Thank you for taking time to read this information

Yours faithfully

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