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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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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 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 B of this form only. Please return the completed form (in hard copy or by emailing the school a scanned copy of the completed form) as soon as possible and no later than Friday 1 December.

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 using the link at the bottom of the page.
- 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 leave 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.

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.

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| Student ID No: _____ | School: _____ |
| Student Name: _____ | Student Signature: _____ |
| Parent/guardian Name: _____ | Parent/guardian Signature: _____ |
| Date: _____ | |

Part B.

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.

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| Student ID No: _____ | School: _____ |
| Parent/guardian Name: _____ | Parent/guardian Signature: _____ |
| Date: _____ | |