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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](http://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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