1:1 Chromebook Program

About this document

This document outlines the policies and procedures for Kuyper Christian School's 1:1 Chromebook program, applicable to students in years 7-12**.** As part of your enrollment at Kuyper Christian School, you agree to the terms below.

Policy

1.1 Purchase and Finance

This section outlines how Chromebooks are purchased and financed.

- The school will provide a Chromebook package to all students when they enter Year 7, and again when they enter Year 10.
- The Chromebook package is covered by school fees over 3 years.
- The model of Chromebook and any accessories is selected by the school.
- If the student leaves the school within 12 months of receiving their Chromebook, the family will be billed the pro-rata cost of Chromebook that would have normally been covered by school fees. Alternatively, the Chromebook can be returned to the school in good working condition. Good working condition is at the school's full discretion and includes:
    - No physical damage beyond normal wear and tear
    - Battery still holding enough charge.
    - No stickers or modifications.

1.2. Device Requirements

The section outlines the requirements of the device. The school will choose a model that meets these requirements.

- The Chromebook will maintain a battery life of at least 5 hours of general use.
- The Chromebook will have a screen size of at least 11"
- The Chromebook will support the 802.11n and 802.11ac wireless standards.

With good care, Chromebooks are expected to remain fit for purpose for at least 3 years.

1.3. Child Safety and Accountability

The school recognises that a key concern for parents with a 1:1 program is the impact it might have on home life, and believes parents should have a clear understanding about what their child is doing on the device, and whether their child is safe online. The school also understands that parents will have varying philosophies on their child's usage of the device.

Access to technology introduces a number of risks, but also presents opportunities for a child to learn how to responsibly and safely navigate the online world.

The school is developing resources and programs in digital discipleship to support students and their families.

Students continue to have their Internet access filtered and monitored while connected to the School's network.

1.4. Technical Support and Repairs

This section outlines how technical support is provided, and who is responsible for any repairs or replacements.
- **All** repairs and technical support relating to a student's school Chromebook is to be facilitated by Kuyper staff, primarily the IT department.
- The student will report any technical issues or damage to their teacher, who may in turn refer them to the school IT department.
- Any damage that inhibits the effective use of the Chromebook for learning must be reported to IT.
- Wherever damage is not covered by warranty, the family will be billed for any repair or replacement costs incurred.
- The school will provide a temporary Chromebook in the event of damage, which must remain on school grounds.
- Chromebooks have management software installed to allow IT staff to configure and manage the device for school purposes. Additionally, teachers have access to view their student's screens and activity while on school premises.

Procedures

2.1 Schedule

The Chromebook program will be rolled out according to the following schedule:
- In Term 3, 2020,
  - Years 7 and 10 will receive a new Chromebook from the school.
  - Year 8 will receive a near-new Chromebook from the school.
  - Year 9 will receive a near-new Chromebook from the school **on loan, to be returned at the beginning of 2021.**
- From 2021 onwards, students entering Years 7 and 10 will receive a new Chromebook from the school.
- Chromebooks received in Year 7 are expected to remain in use until the end of Year 9. Chromebooks received in Year 10 are expected to remain in use until the student's graduation.

2.2 Student Expectations

Students are expected to:
- Bring their Chromebook to school every day
- Keep the Chromebook in the provided case whenever not in use.
- Fully charge the Chromebook at home, ready for the next school day, leaving their charger at home.
- Avoid using the Chromebook in a way that quickly drains / consumes the battery. This includes, for example, closing unused tabs and avoiding resource-heavy games.
- Comply with other relevant school policies, including ICT and code of conduct policies, in the use of their Chromebook, the school network, and the Internet, both at school and at home.
- Be responsible for the care of their device as they would with any other personal property.
- Leave other personal laptops or tablets at home. Students are expected to only use their Chromebook at school.