

# VPPS Chromebook Program 2022

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Once again, we are offering our Chromebook Program for 2022. The Chromebook Program will see all Year 4, 5 & 6 students working with Chromebooks for most of their learning time.

The program will entail each student in Years 4, 5 & 6 purchasing a Chromebook for 2022 either through a school portal or through another vendor of your choosing.

## Why computer-based learning?

Computer-based learning has several advantages:

- It reflects the typical workplace technology of 2022
- It enhances the ability of teachers to provide feedback to students on their work
- It facilitates collaboration on projects by a group of students
- It develops computer and software application skills for students in readiness for high school
- It enables to students to better edit, develop and enhance their work
- It allows students to take advantage of an increasing number of educational apps designed to enhance learning
- It provides teachers with more options to deliver personalised instruction based on students' individual learning needs
- It provides additional learning options for students who struggle to read independently
- It makes it easier for teachers to record evidence and data related to students' learning



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## Why have Chromebooks been selected?

After significant investigation and consultation with other schools, Chromebooks have been selected as the most cost effective and efficient way to enable computer-based learning. They offer the following key advantages:

- Familiar hard keyboard and screen layout
- Lower IT support costs (simpler to support and manage from an IT perspective)
- Familiar, easy-to-use and low cost of software (Google operating system and software applications)
- Facilitates collaboration and sharing (iPad cannot be used as a classroom collaboration tool).

Parents will have the opportunity to purchase through a 'Portal'. This portal below is now open and parents may purchase anytime. Ipau is the company that we work with for our technical support. Due to current stock issues throughout the world for Chromebooks due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we strongly recommend placing your order prior to **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September 2021** to ensure the Chromebooks are delivered on-time.

<https://store.ipau.com.au/>

Code is - **vpps2022**

The Chromebooks will be delivered to the school later in the year for those orders placed prior to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> of September **2021** and will be organised by the school technician with all the appropriate software. The school pays for the licenses to manage the Chromebooks on the school network. The Chromebooks will have dual model options with a cost starting at \$374 to buy outright for the limited stock budget model. There is also a premium model available at a higher cost that has some performance benefits and better supported warranty. An optional bag, mouse and headphones can be purchased separately if required.

As stated, parents/caregivers are free to purchase their Chromebooks through another vendor, but it is recommended you purchase a **robust education-focused model with at least 4GB of RAM and 32GB Storage**

**Please note:** we advise against purchasing any tablet models as these are devoid of a headphone jack, which is required for NAPLAN.

We appreciate this is an added financial responsibility for parents/caregivers, but we also know that it is essential that your child's education keeps pace with technology. Please see the Chromebook Agreement 2022 and the Chromebook User Essential Agreements for further information.

Kind regards



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