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We prepare our students to leave Northside as confident and discerning users of technology.

The program offered at Northside aligns with our Christian values and partners with families, supporting parents in managing technology in the home.

Our digital discipleship approach involves equipping students to make wise decisions and taking healthy precautions while taking full advantage of the latest technology to stay up to date.

The Chromebook program maximises students' educational outcomes by:

- Providing systems that are ready for new online assessments including NAPLAN and Senior School assessment.
- Allowing for collaboration in the classroom through G Suite for Education
- Using tools used by corporate business and universities.
- Promoting use of web based resources not limited by device.

To realise the goals of the program three supporting technology pillars combine to provide a safe, collaborative educational environment.



Chromebooks

The Dell Chromebook 11 was selected for use at Northside because it is specifically designed for use in an educational setting with the following features:

- 180 degree hinged touch screen
- Meets US Military standards for durability
- Chromebooks have a long battery life of approximately 10 hours and quick start-up times.






The device is covered by Next Business Day warranty support for any warranty issues as well as Accidental Damage Protection insurance.

A Secure Platform

- The college owned device program ensures every student can work in a consistent safe environment.
- Web Browsing is filtered on the Chromebook using the latest Cloud Web Filtering technology wherever your child is.
- Chromebooks receive security updates automatically.
- Virus protection is built into the operating system.
- Apps and Extensions are scanned for malware by the Chrome Web Store.

G Suite for Education

G Suite for Education is a suite of productivity tools including:

-  **Drive** – file management
-  **Docs** – word processing
-  **Sheets** - spreadsheets
-  **Slides** – presentations
-  **Gmail** – Student Email

As G Suite for Education is web based, work can be accessed on alternative devices like college and home Windows computers.

G Suite for Education can be accessed offline if an internet connection is not available.

Work in G Suite for Education is automatically saved and backed up.

Distribution

Chromebooks are issued at the start of the year during Family Administration Week.

Cost

The technology levy (\$250/year per student) contributes to the cost of providing Chromebooks to every secondary student.

Included

Each student is provided with:

- A Dell Chromebook 11
- A protective bag
- A Charger.

Damage Coverage

Accidental damage is covered by Accidental Damage Insurance issued by Dell. If the Chromebook is damaged it must be reported to the Help Desk immediately

- A \$25 administration fee is charged per accidental damage incident
- All parts and labour are covered for the first incident in a calendar year.
- Payment of full parts and labour costs for subsequent incidents in the same calendar year will be required.