

Chromebooks

At Katherine Warrington our aim is for all our students to have a Chromebook to support and enhance their learning.

Some of the ways we use Chromebooks are:

- To access our '**online student planner**' (inc. GMail, Calendar, Arbor and homelearning notification and tasks), fostering independence and organisation skills for our students, enhanced by technology - such important future life skills.
- Utilising the suite of free **Google applications** (for word processing, spreadsheets and presentations).
- To access a **wealth of online resources** both in class and at home - including the best and most up to date textbooks, eBooks, an endless range of educational apps and so much more.
- For **collaboration** with their peers and wider communities through the shared learning environments of Google Sites, Google Classroom and all of the above applications.

Why Chromebooks?

- They are a true **learning device** – they are a laptop, not a tablet and therefore can do so much more than the touch screen of an iPad.
- They are **quick to start up** – going from sleep mode to active use in 1 second, from shutdown to active use in just 10 seconds.
- They have a **great battery life** – lasting over 8 hours, compared to the 3 to 4 hours of many other laptops.
- They are **cost effective** – we have secured a competitively priced, rugged model Chromebook, complete with insurance for our students.
- They come with a **Google License** – so have a suite of applications that are constantly updated for free.
- The Google OS is **inherently secure and reliable** – there are no viruses, no data breaches and all data is stored in the cloud so if something should happen to the device, nothing is lost.