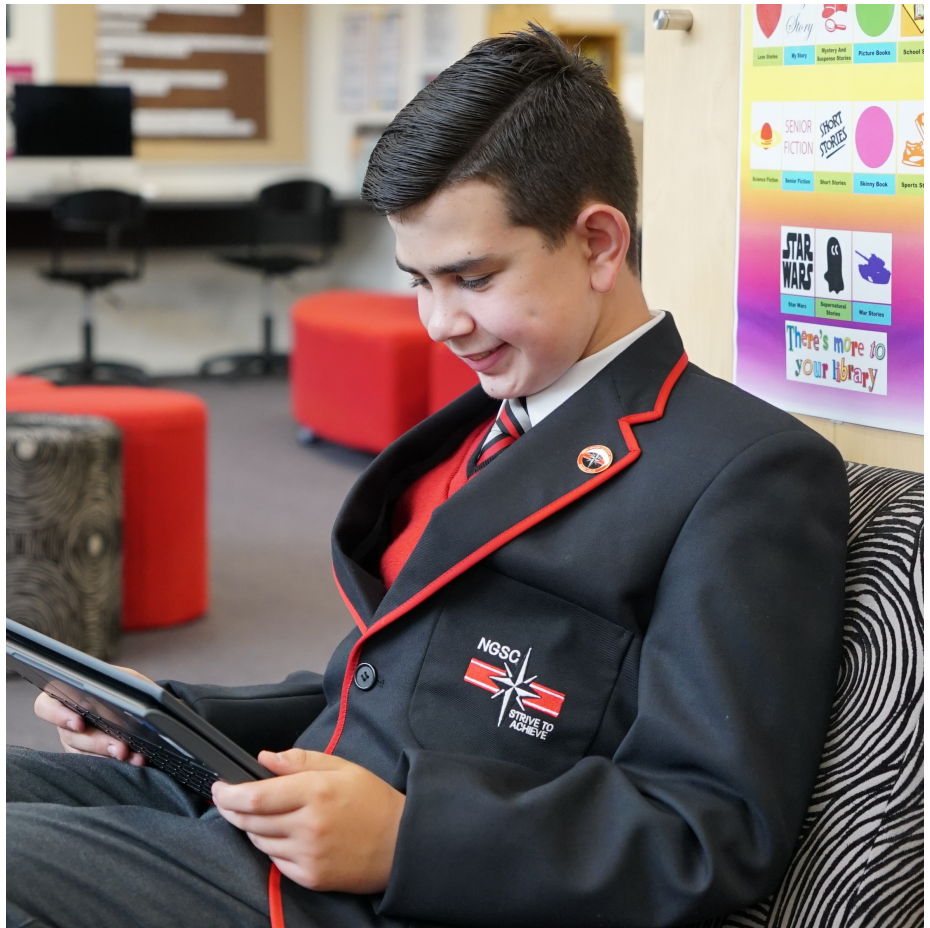


# iAchieve 2023 PROGRAM



## North Geelong Secondary College - Year 7 - 9 Chromebook Program

**North Geelong Secondary College is committed to providing learning environments that will engage students and give them independence and flexibility in their learning.**

We believe that students should be able to learn in teams, as a class, a whole community or independently. We believe that students should be able to share learning experiences with their classmates and the wider community.

One-to-one learning allows every student access to their own device in a wireless environment, allowing them to learn at their own pace and ability levels. One-to-one initiatives have gained momentum worldwide, and are increasingly seen as a key to transforming education and better preparing students to succeed in the new digital economy.

In fact every secondary school in Australia has the opportunity to be part of the Federal Government's Digital Education Revolution, a program specifically designed to introduce a ratio of one computer per student in Years 9-12. The Government has recognised the need to prepare students for further education, training and to live and work in a digital world.

In the **iAchieve** Program, students have access to a Chromebook, and the internet enables them to be self-directed and receive highly personalised instruction. Students use their personal devices to do research, homework, problem solve, team projects, email and academic coursework. At the same time, they gain valuable 21st century skills that will be beneficial throughout their lives and careers.

Students in one-to-one programs use devices more often and for a wider variety of purposes than

students with less access to computers. They possess greater levels of technology literacy and most often use productivity and design tools in ways that are integrated into other classroom activities and assignments.

This style of learning reflects real life situations found in today's workforce. The College has chosen to use the Google G Suite platform throughout the school.



## What is a Chromebook?

A Chromebook is a portable personal computer that uses Google Chrome as its operating system.

A Chromebook provides students with quick access to;

- Docs (*word processing*)
- Sheets (*spreadsheet*)
- Slides (*presentations*)
- Chrome (*web browser*)
- Classroom (*class collaboration*)
- Photos
- Chromebook's that are recommended by our college are unique in their ability to utilise various Android Apps and are to be used for educational use only.

## Will my child use their Chromebook in every class?

No. The use of Chromebook's will be integrated within a wide range of teaching and learning activities. Teachers will determine when students should use their Chromebook.

**Students must bring their Chromebook to every class** (*unless explicitly instructed otherwise*), as our curriculum is specifically tailored around the Chromebook's capabilities.

## How do I participate in the Chromebook Program?

All Years 7 to 9 students enrolling at North Geelong Secondary College in 2023 are expected to participate in the Chromebook Program.

NGSC highly recommends the Chromebook be purchased from the Learning With Technologies (LWT) portal.

LWT is one of Australia's largest providers of technology to schools.

LWT are able to support families with the purchase of a Chromebook that is specifically designed and built for education.

LWT offer purchasing, together with additional warranties, Insurance options and onsite repairs.

## What is the preferred Chromebook?

NGSC recommends the Lenovo 100e Chromebook. The Lenovo 100e offers;

- 11.6" Display
- 360-degree hinge that enables multiple convenient modes
- A rugged, durable and water resistant case
- Various ports and all-day battery life
- Top security features
- WiFi 6 compatible
- Great for in-class and virtual learning
- Designed and built for education

Our Chromebook program involves all students using the same device with the same capabilities. This assists teachers to plan activities that use technology effectively in the classroom, whilst building teacher confidence (*i.e. knowing all students will have the same device in each class*).

All Chromebook's that are connected to the College network will also be managed with a Chrome Education License.

## Can I purchase the Chromebook from another supplier?

NGSC recommends that families only purchase Chromebook's that are built and designed for education to withstand the rigours of a school environment. These Chromebook's are only available from certain education resellers.

**Chromebook's that are available at many retail outlets are built for the consumer market, and may not be designed to protect against dropping, spillage, or run educational Android Apps.**

## When will my child receive their Chromebook?

To ensure your child's Chromebook is ready for the start of the school year, it is recommended that families complete their preferred purchasing arrangements by the 18th January 2023.

## What if my child's Chromebook is lost or damaged?

It is very important that families consider purchasing additional warranty and insurance to cover accidental damage.

**As a guide, over 20% of student Chromebook's issued this calendar year required accidental damage repairs.**

If a student damages their Chromebook, it is a requirement that they bring their Chromebook to the Network Office for assessment.

**Note: NGSC will not be responsible or liable for any damage or repairs to a student's Chromebook or other device.**

## Should students take their Chromebook home each day?

Yes. The Chromebook will assist students to complete homework and revision tasks.

It is also expected that students will recharge their Chromebook overnight, ready for a full day of use at school.

## Family Assistance

In selecting the Chromebook, we at NGSC have endeavoured to choose a device that is both reliable and relatively low cost.

As with all College programs, if financial hardship exists, you may contact the College Student Wellbeing Manager on 5240 5800 to arrange a confidential appointment to discuss your circumstances.