Digital Learning at Grafton High School

Year 7 Information Evening - 10th Feb 2015
Why a focus on digital learning?
Exemplary technology-using teachers are defined as those who employ technology in learner-centered, constructivist environments as opposed to traditional teacher-directed environments.

In general, a constructivist learning environment engages students in authentic, collaborative tasks, based on their interests.
Within this type of environment, technology is used as a tool to support learners’ engagement with the content, ultimately prompting them to use higher-level thinking skills.

Ertmer, Ottenbreit-Leftwich, & York, 2006
It is essential that students be taught the knowledge, skills and attitudes that are necessary in this digital age.

This need is beyond question.
If high quality teachers engage their students in a supportive learning environments, there are well-documented gains for students using digital technology.

Digital Fluency: Skills necessary for learning in the digital age  Dr Gerald White (2013)
School Digital Learning Vision
The End of DER Program

Australian government quietly ends laptops in schools program

Summary: The Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations has confirmed that year 9 to year 12 students in 2013 will be the last to receive laptops under the current scheme.
What is Digital Learning?
GHS Digital Units
Why Chromebooks?

(What is a Chromebook?)
you can do everything on the web
Why Chromebooks?

Low cost
Lightweight
Built for Google

Easy to support - hot swaps
Designed for learning
DEC GAFE launched 2015
How will Students access Digital Learning?
When will Digital Learning begin at Grafton High School?
What do parents/carers need to do for their child to be able to maximise this opportunity?
What are the Minimum Requirements?
Frequently Asked Questions?

- What happens if there is a warranty issue with my device?
- What if I want to buy a device from another supplier?
- What if I can’t afford a device?
- What happens if I move schools?
- What happens in future years (i.e. after year 7)?
Thank You