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We asked our friends at Google to provide some of their top tips and tricks to support learning with their eLearning tools. Here's their take, in their words - including where you can go for help.

Top 5 tips for teaching with Google

- 1 Chrome Education Upgrade:** Manage and secure Chromebooks with the Chrome Education Upgrade. This provides a management service that keeps the chromebook safe and secure for the student and school. Schools control the management service, implementing it to meet their needs. A Chromebook can be a school device at set times (i.e. 9-4) and a student device at other times. For information see: <https://edu.google.com/products/chromebooks/>
- 2 Google Classroom:** Use Google Classroom as the secure central hub for information - that way students always know where to go for information. Google Classroom can be used for subject classes, cultural groups & sports teams, enabling seamless communication and Coordination. Classroom also sends out weekly guardian summaries to keep whanau connected to learning.
- 3 Simplification:** Have one common model that's used (and suits) your school. Students find it easiest to manage their day when there is a common way of doing it. Pick a tool that works for you to use consistently.
- 4 Explore: Stay up to date.** We ask students to be lifelong learners so we should be too! Things change in the education world, especially around the use of Digital Tools for learning. Students have many options available via the use of digital tools for learning and we need to know how to best use these tools for them.
- 5 GEGNZ:** Join the Google Educators Group NZ (GEGNZ), on Facebook to keep up with the local educators. Courses are available as well as opportunities to collaborate with other NZ Google Educators. Visit the [GEGNZ](#) page for more info.

Top 3 support resources:

More information about updates, new developments and enhancements in Google for Education:

- 1** [The Keyword Blog](#) - Google's official channel of information
- 2** [Workspace for Education admin help](#) - The Help page for Admins
- 3** The [Google for Education Teacher Centre](#) is the official site with Training and Certifications for Educators

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Support resources can be found at bit.ly/nzedu20 and the [TeachfromHome](#) site.