



# Technology News

Chatsworth International School  
Home-Based Learning



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## Breakout video conference rooms

Teachers and students are making use of multiple Google Meet sessions, "breakout rooms" following a whole class Meet, and this is a great way to support real time group activities and for teachers to move between groups. Much like a normal classroom where students work together around a group table.



*"The Google Meet group meetings have helped us boost our progress quite efficiently... Overall my group mates and I also like the group work and interaction we get to have during this lockdown" - Ian, Year 11*

*"Small group meetings in Google Meet have helped during collaboration projects in our lessons. By utilising this, we have found a convenient and comfortable platform to talk with our partners. This allows us to focus on our project without being distracted by the entire class. It also allows us to access help easier, as the teacher is able to drop into the group call at any time." - Akshath, Year 11*

*"Breakout rooms have been great for group work. Students have appreciated being able to work together and it's more manageable for me to drop in and check their progress in smaller groups. - Mr Smyth*

*"As a teacher it is very convenient to have the breakout rooms. I signed on to each room with my mic and video off, but I could still listen to the students' conversations. If I need to jump into any of the rooms, I can just turn on my mic and video" - Mr Luu*

As HBL progresses, the hard work that secondary students and teachers have put in to set a solid structure is paying off and learning continues thanks to the possibilities and creative uses of technology.

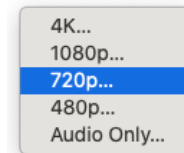
## Free to use images and video clips

During HBL there's a chance you might be making video or other presentations that could be "spruced up" with some copyright free images and video clips from beyond the walls of your home. Here are some sites that I recently shared with some Year 11 students, all of which have video and images that are free to use:

- [www.videvo.net](http://www.videvo.net)
- [www.pexels.com](http://www.pexels.com)
- [www.videezy.com](http://www.videezy.com)

**Remember to acknowledge the creator.** Also, the video files will likely be huge, so here's how to reduce the file size of any video using Quicktime...

1. Open the video in Quicktime
2. Go to File...
3. Export as...
4. Choose a format to export to.



## ChatsNews - make your own report

[This website](#) is a resource for all students to help with making and submitting your own ChatsNews stories. Please check it out.

## Google Classroom guide for parents

Ms Compton created [this colourful guide](#) for parents to help understand Google Classroom. Students, take your parents on a tour through Classroom.

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