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This guide is for school IT administrators who want to force-install the Camera Studio app and pin it to the Chromebook shelf for teachers and students.

✅ Prerequisites

Before you begin, make sure you meet the following requirements. This checklist will help you confirm everything is in place for a smooth setup:

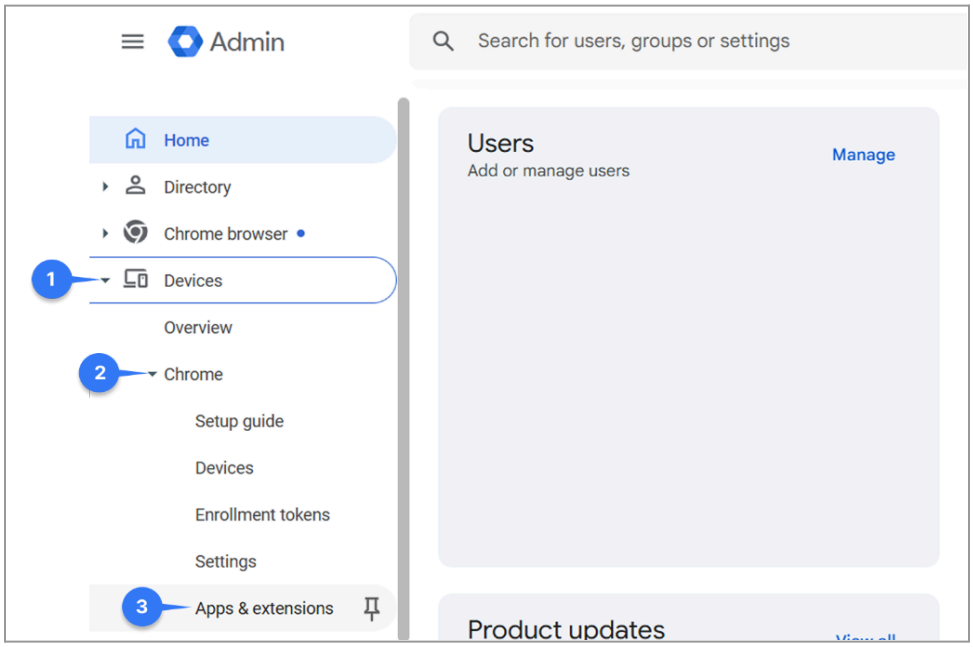
What You'll Need	Details	Done
Admin Access	You need to sign in with a full administrator account to your school's Google Admin Console.	☐
Managed Chromebooks	Chromebooks must be: • Enrolled under your school's domain. • Managed via Admin Console.	☐
App URL	You'll enter this in the Admin Console during setup. `pwa.camerastudio.app`	☐
App ID	To find the App ID: 1. Install Camera Studio on any Chromebook. 2. Open a new tab and go to `chrome://apps`. 3. Right-click the Camera Studio icon → select **App info**. 4. Copy the App ID listed there	☐

🛠️ Step 1: Force-Install the Camera Studio PWA

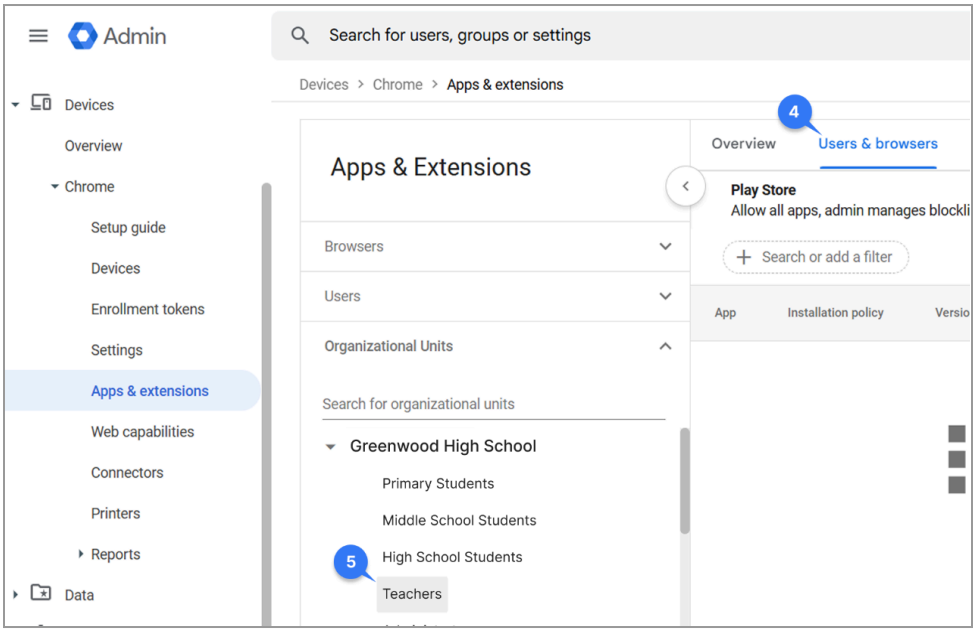
1. Go to admin.google.com and sign in using your administrator account.

2. Then navigate to:

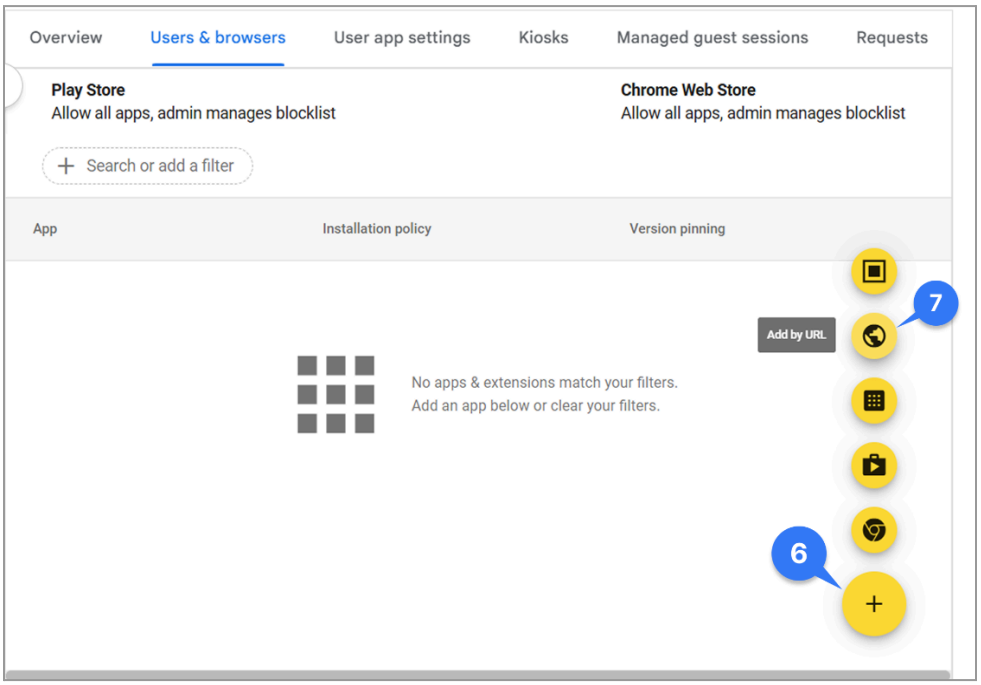
   `Devices > Chrome > Apps & extensions`



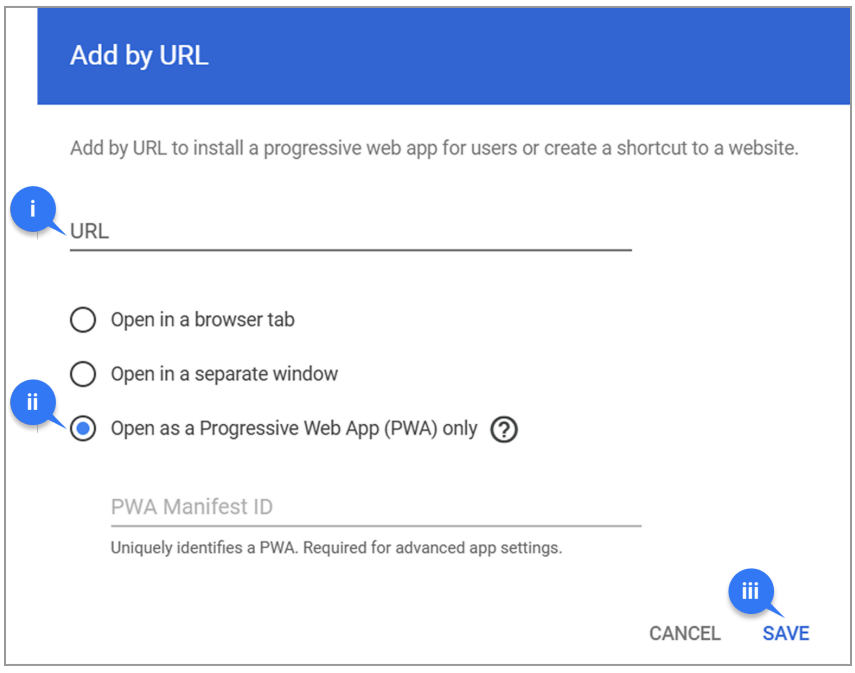
3. Click the `Users & browsers` tab and select the appropriate **Organizational Unit (OU)** (e.g., Teachers or Students), for whom you want to install this app.



4. At the bottom-right corner of the page, click the **Add** button.
    a. Select **Add by URL**.



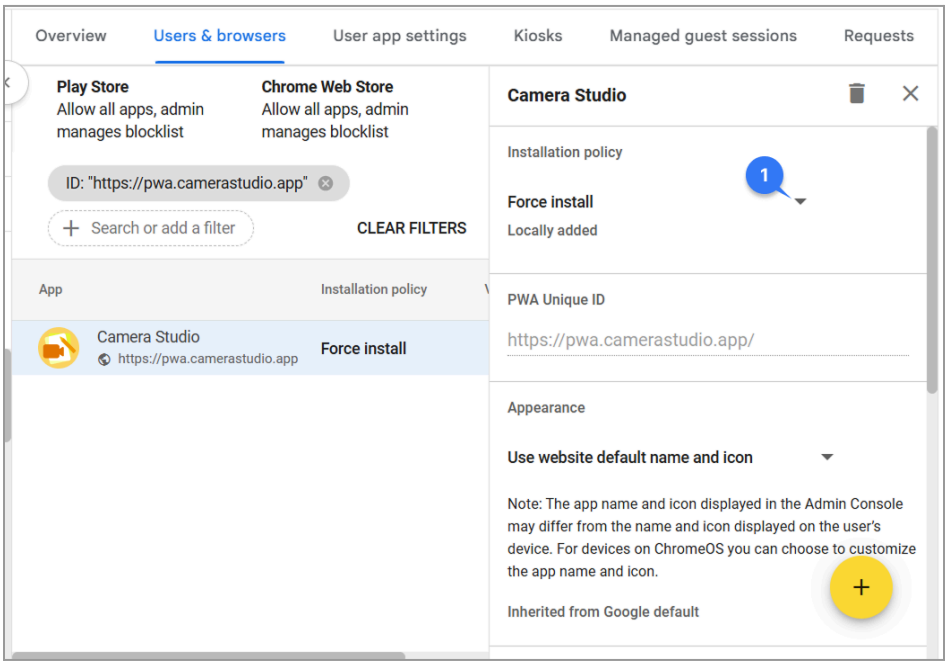
    b. In the dialog box that appears,
        i. Enter the **URL:** `pwa.camerastudio.app`
        ii. **Select:** Open as a Progressive Web App (PWA) only.
        iii. Click **Save**

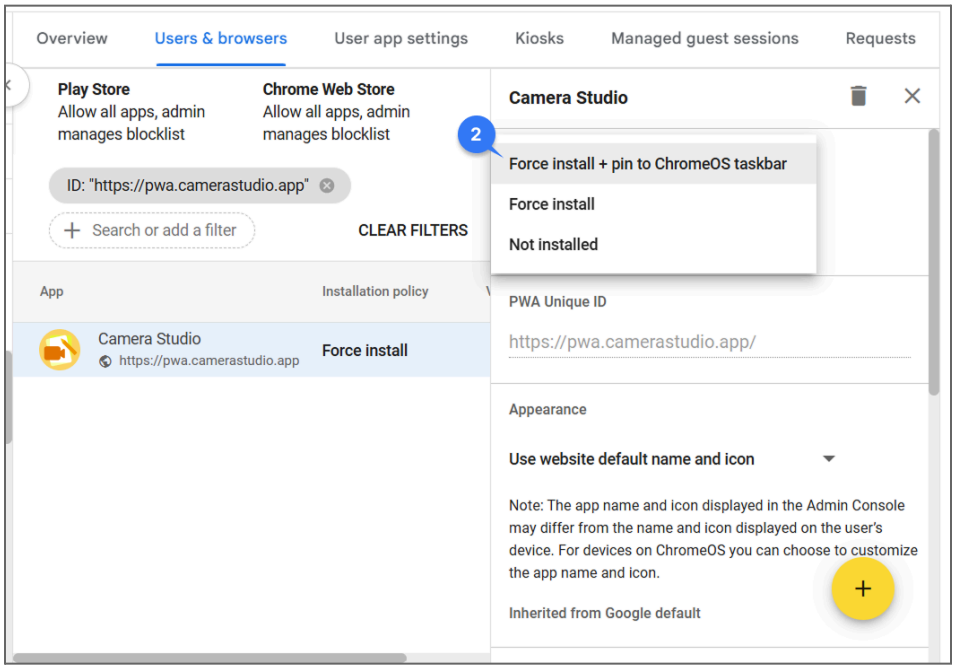


📌 Step 2: Pin the App to the Shelf

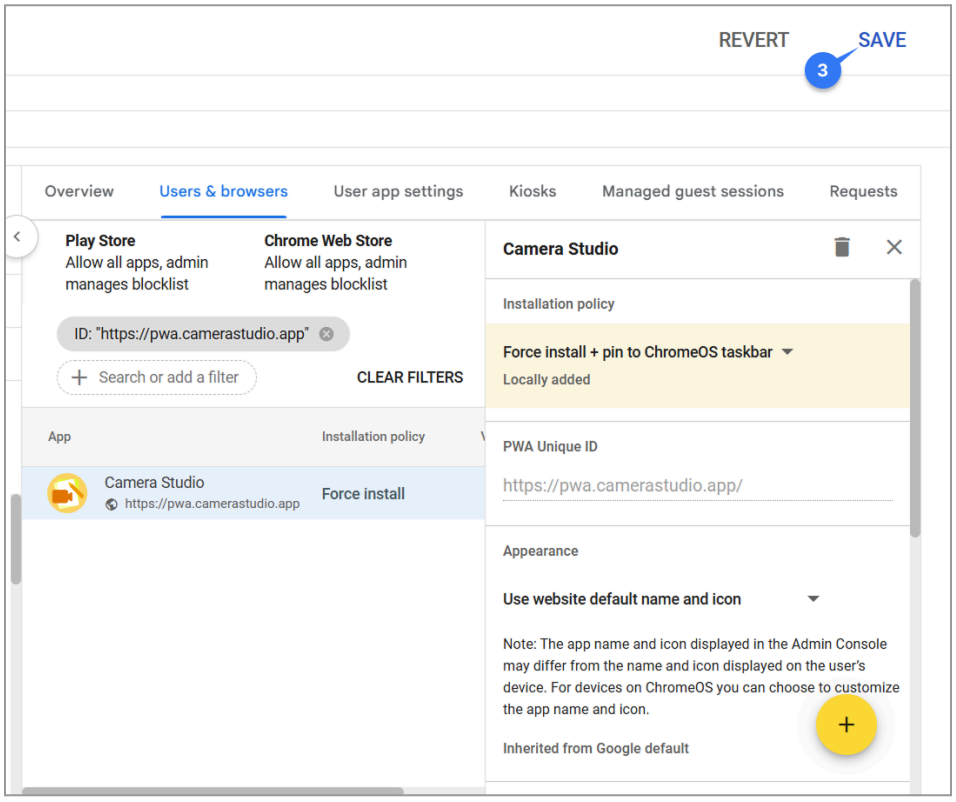
After adding the app, find and click on **Camera Studio** in the list. A panel will open on the right side of the screen.

1. Under **Installation policy**, select: **Force install + pin to ChromeOS taskbar**.





2. You will now see that the policy has been added locally. Once added, click **Save**.



🔄 Verification

To confirm the policy has been successfully applied to a Chromebook:

1. On a managed Chromebook, open the Chrome browser.
2. Type `chrome://policy` into the address bar and press Enter.
3. Click the **Reload policies** button.
4. Look for the **WebAppInstallForceList** policy. Verify that it includes the Camera Studio URL (`pwa.camerastudio.app`) and that its status is **OK**.

✅ Result

Upon successful deployment:

- Camera Studio will be silently installed in the background as a Progressive Web Application (PWA) & get automatically pinned to the Chromebook shelf.

🔒 Important Notes

- Force installation and pinning only work on managed Chromebooks.
- Students and teachers will see the app installed and pinned automatically – no manual steps are needed.
- Policy changes may take a few minutes to an hour to propagate to devices.
- Users can force an update by navigating to `chrome://policy` and clicking 'Reload policies'.