Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

1. **Why is the BYOD program in the Upper School changing?**
   After doing a comprehensive audit and a year of examining our technology use, Stuart is adapting the program for Upper School students to have the flexibility to use the device that fits their needs and will better prepare them for use at the college level.

2. **Is there a list of acceptable devices?**
   Yes. Please see the list at the end of this FAQ.

3. **What if I have a device that is not on the acceptable list?**
   Only devices that meet the specifications above are acceptable as a primary device.

4. **Do I need to purchase two devices?**
   No. Students only need one device. If a student brings multiple devices to school they may only use one at a time. The other device must remain in the student's locker.

5. **I just purchased an iPad. Do I need to buy my daughter a laptop?**
   No. The iPad is part of the BYOD acceptable devices and is sufficient for student success throughout Stuart's Upper School.

6. **What about software/apps?**
   Stuart uses Google Applications For Education which provide basic word processing, spreadsheets and presentations for free. Many other software and apps that teachers use are available on all devices. Stuart will continue to provide the productivity software, but similar to purchase of apps in our current iPad Program, students will have to purchase apps as needed for individual classes–just like textbook purchases.

7. **Can I use my Phone as my device?**
   No. Smartphones do not meet the minimum requirements.

8. **How do I decide what device is needed for my student?**
   Devices come with different functionality, price points, and durability. We would encourage you to discuss with your daughter what the best fit for her learning will be. Our technology integrators and information technology staff is available if you have any questions.

9. **What if the device breaks? Will there be loaners?**
   No. Devices will continue to be family owned and all maintenance will be the responsibility of each family. Stuart will maintain a limited number of laptops as "loaners" to be borrowed when a personal device is not working. The loaner devices must stay at school and may not be taken home or removed from the building.

10. **If I forget my device, can loaners be signed out if I need a computer for just one class or the day?**
    No. Students may not sign out loaners for one class or if the device has been forgotten. Stuart computers are available in the classrooms for courses that require a computer such as film, photography, and computer science.

11. **Will there be training?**
    Yes. The Stuart technology staff will offer training at the beginning of the school year to help students set up new devices to ensure access to our wireless network, offer basic understanding of tools used at Stuart, data backup and basic troubleshooting.

Specifications for Acceptable Devices

Student devices must meet the minimum specifications as outlined below. Any device that does not meet these requirements may not be eligible for technical support from Stuart faculty and staff you may be prohibited from accessing the Stuart wireless network and other resources.

iPad/iPad Pro

- 7th generation iPad or newer, iPad Air 2 or newer, all iPad Pro Models
- Minimum 64 GB (Most are now only 128 GB which is recommended)
- If this is the primary device, an external keyboard is needed

Apple MacBook

- Apple MacBook, Macbook Pro or MacBook Air. All MacBook, MacBook Pro and Airs currently being sold as new models by Apple would meet our requirements. Refurbished items should be originally released less than three years ago.
- Macbook Operating System: the most recent OS or the previous year OS.
- Minimum 8GB RAM

Windows PC Laptop

- Less than three years old
- Minimum 8GB RAM
- Windows 10, with latest updates
- Microsoft Surface Pro, Surface Book, Surface Book Pro are acceptable options as Windows laptops

Google Chromebook (with some elective classes students may have to use school devices during classes)

- Must have access to the Google Play Store
- Minimum 4GB RAM
- Minimum 16 GB Storage- Solid State Drive (SSD)

It is vital that all devices used at Stuart are secure. Every student device must be equipped with up-to-date anti-malware software and supported operating system. Device use on campus may be restricted for insufficient security protection.