

Dear parents,

Thank you to all those who attended the Laptop Information Evening last Monday night.

For those who could not make it, your child has a choice of device for 2019: either a Windows based device or a MAC device. For each of these platforms, there is a standard and a performance model to choose from.

The standard model is more than adequate for all curriculum software that we operate here at St Paul's, however, the performance model is offered as an option to support students who may want to engage in additional learning or uses of the device beyond the school.

Students can use either the Windows based device (an Acer), or the MAC platform in any curriculum area. To help you decide, a couple of considerations you should ponder are:

- The Acer device has a touch screen and pen. If your child likes to sketch or annotate on the screen then this may be an important consideration.
- The Acer device has a greater number of connectivity ports without the need for additional adapters [for example HDMI].
- The Acer device has a more generous Accidental Damage Protection insurance plan than the Apple devices.

All devices meet the minimum specifications that we have set for our curriculum needs. If you wish to purchase a device with specifications above this then contact Scott Cunningham, our account manager at Datacom and he will provide a quote to you re this and guide you through the process. His contact details are below.

The purchasing portal is now open at <https://myschoolshop-qld.datacom.com.au/stpauls>. You need to login with a user name and password - both of which are 'stpauls'. If you are wanting to have the device by the end of this year (perhaps as a Christmas present) then Acer orders need to be made by mid October, while Apple devices need to be ordered by the end of the first week in November.

If your device has been ordered by mid October (Windows) or the first week in November (MAC) then **devices will be available for collection from Tuesday, 4 December in Techzone.**

The School's contact at Datacom is Scott Cunningham. If you have any questions re the purchasing process, or wish to adjust the specifications beyond our minimum requirements or to discuss alternative delivery then feel free to discuss these with him.

If you have any other questions, please check the FAQs on the school website <https://www.stpauls.qld.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/2019-FAQ.pdf>.