

## Some suggestions from our current students

- *The point in bold is the most important one*

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<p><a href="#">Chromebooks</a> are affordable mini laptops meant for basic and everyday use.</p> <p>They look pretty much like a regular laptop and come in various sizes (most of them with between 11 and 14 inch screens).</p> <p>They run ChromeOS, a particular operating system made by Google.</p> <p>Apps are installed from an app store.</p> <p>Primarily cloud-based.</p> <p>Carmel College Library is stocked with these and students are happy to use them</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cheap,generally \$350-\$600</li> <li>• <b>very portable</b></li> <li>• Simple interface</li> <li>• Easy to understand &amp; use</li> <li>• Instant-on access</li> <li>• Easy collaboration</li> <li>• A variety of apps</li> <li>• All school-day battery life</li> <li>• Full (but small) keyboards</li> <li>• Automatic updates</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>need to be connected to Internet to work properly</b>, as most of their services live in the Cloud, including Youtube, Gmail, Dropbox, Google Drive, Google Music, Maps and so on, although can work off-line</li> <li>• not very powerful so multitasking between opened apps is not always great</li> <li>• most can't run the software are already familiar with from your PCs</li> <li>• limited to apps in the Google Play Store</li> <li>• no camera</li> <li>• heavier than macbook air</li> <li>• apps aren't great</li> </ul>
<p><a href="#">Ipads</a> are robust and reliable machines with access to a huge range of educational apps.</p> <p>While more expensive than other tablet brands, they are still within.</p> <p>9.7-inch, LCD-backlit Multi-Touch screen;</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>very portable</b></li> <li>• popular with students so a lot of peer tutoring/support</li> <li>• Lots of educational apps available</li> <li>• user friendly</li> <li>• competitive pricing \$390</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• lots of non-educational apps which students find distracting</li> <li>• <b>doesn't support flash which many education interactive sites need</b></li> <li>• Apple uses its own proprietary port for charging and data syncing so you need to</li> </ul>

<p>The availability of Apple's iPad-optimized versions of Apple's iWork productivity suite of apps (Pages, Numbers, and Keynote), on-screen soft-keyboard,</p> <p>Optional, full-size keyboard available.</p> <p>Built-in Bluetooth 2.1, so works with the Apple Wireless Keyboard</p>	<p>mini, ~\$800 ipad air</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● retina display for Ipad air and Ipad mini</li> <li>● Apple's LCDs are some of the best available.</li> <li>● up to 10 hours of battery life</li> </ul>	<p>buy Apple's cables and accessories, made specifically for the iPad.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Ipads don't offer user-expandable storage</li> <li>● no support for USB-based peripherals such as plug-in mice and keyboards. (However, the iPad does support Bluetooth keyboards.)</li> </ul>
<p><b>Detachable screen laptop</b> Full operating system but offer a tablet mode for tapping and swiping control plus the functionality of a keyboard, usually with the ability to fold the latter away when not in use. Have the weight-saving option of dropping the keyboard altogether, letting you make use of just the 10- to 13-inch touch screen. Screen size intermediate between laptops and tablets</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Touchscreens</li> <li>● can use as a laptop or as a tablet</li> <li>● Support for websites using Flash and Java</li> <li>● Full keyboards - much better when writing anything of length.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>can be heavier than expected as hinge mechanism is complex</b></li> <li>● screen quite small for complex tasks</li> </ul>
<p>A laptop is a small, portable computer -- small enough that it can sit on your lap.</p> <p>Laptops offer a mix of power and affordability</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>full keyboard much better for writing anything of length</b></li> <li>● Usually more powerful than tablets</li> <li>● Have larger</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>slightly heavier</b></li> <li>● often bigger</li> <li>● slower to start up</li> <li>● can be expensive</li> <li>● can't use some apps e.g drawing apps</li> <li>● some apps free on Ipad but bought on laptop</li> </ul>

	<p>internal storage</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• support for flash</li><li>• bigger screen</li><li>• more powerful</li><li>• better web-browsing experience</li><li>• easier to add images when in drive</li></ul>	
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At the end of the day, especially in cases where you're going to be lugging your laptop around from class to class and from the library to the tuck shop, it always comes down to finding the right balance of price, portability, and performance to meet your needs.

Having the most powerful system possible might not seem like the best thing in the world if it means you'll be lugging around a 5kg laptop plus its AC adapter and accessories everywhere you go.