Computer vs. Tablet

The table below compares the main differences between computers/ laptops and tablets. Information in this table is based on a range of products available in the market and is not reflective of any product in particular.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Computer/ Laptop</th>
<th>Tablet (e.g. iPad, Samsung Note, Microsoft Surface Pro, etc.)</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Input Method</strong></td>
<td>Keyboard and mouse&lt;br&gt;Touchscreen may now be available on some computers/laptops (limited range)</td>
<td>Touchscreen&lt;br&gt;Can add keyboard&lt;br&gt;Can add mouse for some Android or Windows tablets</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Internet Connection</strong></td>
<td>Cable connection (Internet)&lt;br&gt;WiFi</td>
<td>WiFi&lt;br&gt;3G or 4G</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Portability</strong></td>
<td>Computers: are fixed in one location. No internal battery; requires connection to wall power outlet. Laptops: are portable but generally weigh more than 1kg.</td>
<td>Portable&lt;br&gt;Lightweight, generally less than 1kg</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Installation of Apps/Software</strong></td>
<td>Has CD drive; can install using a CD</td>
<td>No CD drive; can purchase external CD drive&lt;br&gt;Download from online stores; Internet connection required.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*Note: Apps/ software compatible with a computer/ laptop may not be compatible with tablets and vice versa.*
| Connecting to Other Devices          | Through USB cables  
Bluetooth (for laptops)  
Bluetooth adapter available for computers | Bluetooth  
USB ports available on some tablets |
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Screen Size</td>
<td>Large screen size, generally 13” and above</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| Battery Life                       | Varies depending on usage  
Can last up to 4-6 hours | Varies depending on usage  
Can last up to a day or more |
| Storage                            | Large internal storage  
Alternative storage methods: external hard drive, USB sticks | Up to 132 GB internal storage (on a limited range)  
Alternative storage methods: cloud, USB sticks, external hard drive |
| Performance                        | Generally provides more advanced features and programming  
Speed is less affected if multitasking or using programs with high graphic content | Generally low-powered processors  
Speed might be slowed if multitasking or using programs with high graphic content |
| Printing                           | Can connect using USB cable, Bluetooth, WiFi  
Printer driver can be installed using a CD | Can connect using USB cable, Bluetooth, WiFi  
Printer driver will need to be downloaded  
May only be compatible with some printers |
| Backup Options                     | Can back up to external hard drive | Can back up to computer  
Can back up to the cloud |

For more information, please contact:

Assistive Technology Australia  
Shop 4019, Level 4, Westpoint Shopping Centre, 17 Patrick Street, Blacktown NSW 2148

Infoline: 1300 452 679  Email: EveryoneConnects@at-aust.org  Web: www.at-aust.org

www.facebook.com/ilcnsw  YouTube: www.youtube.com/ilcnsw

Disclaimer: Assistive Technology Australia provides information on assistive technology and services. Visit our website to search for products on our @Magic database. We do not sell or hire any products. The provision of this information does not constitute a recommendation. Responsibility for final selection of items rests with the individual.