

# Choosing the right device Presented by Joanne Lambie



## Getting the right device means getting something that:

- You understand and are comfortable with
- · Will support what you want it to do
- Give you room to grow as you gain more confidence
- Gives you just what you need

#### **BEFORE YOU GO TO THE STORE:-**

1.	First Step: Think about what you want t	o do wi	ith the device
	☐ Email		Travel
	☐ Research information		Social Networking
	☐ Skype/Zoom/Video calls		Banking
	☐ Pursue hobbies		Shopping
	☐ Organise photos		Buying and Selling
	☐ Watch movies		Further Development
	☐ Listen to music		Writing, word, excel
	☐ Games		And more!
2.	Second Step: Things to consider		
	☐ Portability / Weight		
	☐ Size of the computer		
	☐ Size of the screen		
	$\hfill\square$ How much you will be storing on the	compu	ter
	☐ Price		
	$\hfill \square$ What support you have around you		
	$\ \square$ What other devices you already have	j	
	$\square$ How much battery life you need		



### **PURCHASING DECISIONS:-**

1.	Choose your Hardware  All-in-One Desktop Laptop 2 in One Tablet Smartphone
2.	
	Windows
	☐ Mac
	□ Other
3.	Choose your Key Components – Computer
	☐ Processor (GHz - gigahertz)
	□ RAM (GB – gigabytes)
	☐ Hard Drive HDD or Solid State Drive SSD
	☐ Amount of storage (GB – gigabytes)
	Brand
	☐ Size of Screen
	☐ Essential Ports – USB / SD Card Slot / Headphones / HDMI
	Other Ports – VGA / Ethernet / CD DVD Drive
	☐ Battery Life ☐ Weight
	☐ Touchscreen
	Touchscreen
	Choose your Key Components – Tablet or Smartphone
	☐ Size – Mini or Standard
	☐ Memory (GB)
	☐ Internet – WiFi / WiFi and Cellular (tablet only)
	☐ Model / Brand
	□ Colour



4.	Decide on other Items
	☐ Warranty
	☐ Antivirus
	☐ Additional Software –Word, Excel Email programs
	☐ Mouse
	☐ Separate Keyboard
	☐ Bags / Covers / Screen Protector
	☐ Stylus Pen (tablet and smartphone)
5.	The Internet
	☐ NBN at home with WiFi
	☐ Wireless broadband
	☐ SIM card
	☐ Personal hotspot

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