A Chromebook is a browser driven netbook developed by Google specifically designed to utilise cloud technology for storage and applications.

### Pros
- Very streamlined software wise; essentially the browser runs the whole computer
- Easy to install apps; the device utilises the Google Store which is very easy to browse and since the ‘apps’ themselves are really just web links they don’t take up much space or long to install
- As the processor is fairly minimalist, the battery life on the device is very good
- It largely depends on the model, but at the time of writing all of the devices had multiple USB ports and display output
- Due to the browser based nature of the device, it is ahead of the curve as far as Web 2.0 tools and accessibility of content rich websites
- They tend to be lighter physically than an equivalent sized laptop as it utilises smaller batteries and hard disks

### Cons
- Hugely web based; in the event that you don’t have the internet, the device has got very limited functionality
- Susceptible to web filtering; this is primarily why the device fails the productivity software check- at the time of writing Google Docs and Drive are blocked through DETE’s internet because of privacy and duty of care concerns.
- We were unable to negotiate acceptable warranty (onsite, 3 years) for these devices; they are designed as consumer grade
- App based device; you can’t just install software the same way as you do with a fully functioned laptop and the range of apps on the Google Store are quite limited- there are very few alternatives to Google Docs for example
- ChromeOS does not currently support connection to Windows network shares or printers; this is what the college currently runs
- Have smaller internal memory; usually 16-32GB of internal storage; the expectation is that you would predominately use the cloud services provided with the device.