



The inbetweener

The Dell Streak attempts to break new technological ground as a device that positions itself between a tablet and a smartphone. How does it measure up?

WHAT IT IS

It's a tablet! No, it's a smartphone! The jury's still out about what it is, but given its 5-inch size, we'd say the Dell Streak — which runs on the Android 2.2 operating system — is best described as a tablet with smartphone capabilities. In addition to making calls, it also has features such as road navigation and web browsing.

WHAT IT HAS

- A 5-inch screen that displays HD videos
- 5-megapixel camera with dual LED flash
- Front VGA webcam for video calls
- Apps such as Kindle and Quick Office to work on the go
- Inbuilt Wi-Fi, Bluetooth and 3G
- It doubles up as a portable Wi-Fi hotspot for laptops

VERDICT

What it has going for it: a super responsive touchscreen, dual cameras (which the iPad currently lacks), long battery life and lots of useful preloaded apps. However, we found it too big and cumbersome to be used as a phone, and too small to comfortably read e-books or play games on. We say, evaluate your needs before deciding if you should get this.



THE DELL STREAK RETAILS FOR \$398 AT STARHUB.

PHONE QUICKIE: The hardy Dell Streak's screen is made of scratch-resistant glass.

Better MUSIC CONTROL



If you find it a hassle digging into your bag to pull out your iPhone every time a call comes in, you'll need a headset like the Logitech Ultimate Ears 200vi Noise Isolating Headset. It allows you to take calls, put your songs on pause and control the volume without having to take the phone out. Fitness junkies will love that it's sweat-resistant, and that it comes with five ear-cushion sizes, so even those with small ears will find a perfect fit. Best of all, it comes in a gorgeous shade of pink!

THE LOGITECH ULTIMATE EARS 200VI HEADSET RETAILS AT \$49.

Bye bye wires

Why keep your awesome playlist to yourself? Share your favourite tunes with your friends with the Veho 360 Bluetooth player. It offers good quality stereo surround sound and is compatible with any wireless Bluetooth device within a 15m range. It offers up to four hours of non-stop music playback and is powered by a rechargeable lithium-ion battery.

THE Veho 360 BLUETOOTH SPEAKER IS AVAILABLE AT AUTHORISED RESSELLERS AT \$79.



WHAT'S NEW

BlackBerry Curve 9300

If you work on a freelance basis and need to keep track of your clients' requests, consider one of the latest additions to the BlackBerry family. What's nifty about this phone is how it consolidates all incoming emails, text messages and instant BlackBerry messages in one location — you'll easily be able to keep track of a fussy client's demands.

THE BLACKBERRY CURVE 9300 RETAILS FOR \$550.



Motorola Defy

If you're a sporty girl who's ruined one too many phones in the pursuit of a rugged lifestyle, this is the phone for you — it's dust-proof, scratch- and water-resistant. It also boasts a 3.7-inch touchscreen that has a bright, sharp display, and is ultra-responsive. Motorola's Crystal Talk Plus technology helps eliminate background noise for clear calls. This is a great mid-range smartphone that's good value for money.

THE MOTOROLA DEFY RETAILS FOR \$528.



HTC 7 Mozart

This smartphone, with its aluminium casing, is gorgeously sleek. Running on the Windows Phone 7 operating system, what makes this phone really stand out are inbuilt apps like Photo Enhancer, which add effects to images and a camera with good specifications — 8-megapixels and a Xenon flash, geo-tagging and face detection technology. It also supports full HD video recording.

THE HTC 7 MOZART RETAILS FOR \$868.

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