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### > plasma's new dimension

Samsung has just released the 450 Series — the world's first 3D-ready plasma panel. The device supports existing 3D content but can also create a 3D effect when viewing regular DVDs and playing PC games using world-first technology from Perth-company DDD.

A PC and 3D viewing glasses are required to get the full effect.

As well as its 3D capabilities, the 450 plasma also boasts a 1,000,000:1 contrast ratio, Filterbright technology for clear images in all lighting situations and the Digital Natural Image Engine Plus for optimum picture quality.

"3D TV used to be a dream, something you would see in a futuristic film or at a theme park," says Samsung product manager Erin Anderson.

"The availability of 3D content in games or movie format is growing quickly so we're excited to plug the gap with Australia's first 3D plasma TV. I was very pleasantly surprised when I first saw this 3D big-screen experience."

DDD director of content Nic Beames says viewers will be impressed by the 3D picture.

"3D is here to stay, with Hollywood studios producing hugely successful 3D movies for cinema audiences," Beames says.

"Right now, many of the most popular PC games can be experienced in 3D, on Samsung's 450 series Plasma TVs using DDD's TriDef 3D Experience software and available 3D glasses.

"We're excited to play a key role in Samsung's commitment to 3D in the home."

Major studios, including Pixar and Dreamworks, along with video game developers are investing in home entertainment content.



Pocket rocket ... this is a novel little device that is likely to come in very handy

# One size for all occasions

Display your images and videos through a tiny, portable projector, writes STEPHEN FENECH

**W**e stopped carrying photographs in wallets a while ago and started storing images on mobile phones or digital media players instead.

Videos have taken a similar route. Although such storage may be convenient, the method has its limitations in the way those pictures can be displayed because of the size of the screen on the product.

But those files can now be displayed in their full glory with the V10 Pocket Projector. About the size of a mobile phone and measuring just 12.5cm long, 2.3cm thick and 5.5cm wide, the V10 is just 1cm longer than an iPhone.

Similar to regular projectors, the V10 is VGA quality (640x480) and can beam images and videos up to 127cm high on to a wall — or ceiling — from a distance of 1.8m.

The V10 uses an LED with a brightness of 10 Lumens and, unlike lamps used in regular projectors, it will never need replacing. Ideal for business users, the V10 can easily be set

up for a boardroom presentation in seconds, with a mini-tripod included in the package.

The projector can be connected to other electronic devices such as mobile phones, iPods or other media players and easily displays the content quite dramatically.

There's 1GB on board the V10 as well as a built-in SD card slot to display content directly from the device. For other consumers, the V10 will be a desirable accessory with its many other uses.

It can also be connected to DVD players, camcorders and digital cameras and even a gaming console. The product is ideal for showing off photos or enjoying video stored on a portable device.

It will be an attractive product for travellers as well, thanks to its tiny size. It is like having a 127cm screen in your pocket.

The device has a five-way navigation keypad to find your way around the projector's menu that allows users to sort through the folders to find files. A pair of speakers on top of the device are small but powerful enough to hear the soundtrack of a movie.

Inside is a rechargeable lithium ion battery that can power the device for only 60 minutes, although it can be played while attached to a

power supply. And the device can also be recharged using a USB cable attached to a computer. Along the side of the V10 is a focus wheel to ensure that the projected image is as sharp as possible.

Moving the pocket projector away from the wall enlarges the picture.

The ceiling is also a handy place to point the V10, and makes for comfortable viewing if you're in bed or just reclining at home.

The V10 pocket projector is a smart new product set to be a real head-turner, and can provide that big-screen feel anywhere. It will be released in September.

**what** > V10 Pocket Projector

**price** > \$649

**from** > Mint Trading, 1300 651 417

**web** > www.mnw.com.au

### > great 3 ranging plans

They might be the only network not offering the desirable iPhone, for now, but that has not stopped 3 Mobile offering a new range of capped plans for anyone who has unlocked the device. Available from this week, the plans start at just \$49 per month, which gives users 1GB of data plus hundreds of dollars of calls and SMSs. The data allowance jumps up to 2GB on the \$69 plan over 24 months.

The company's director of sales, marketing and product Noel Hamill says "3 is all about great voice and data value".

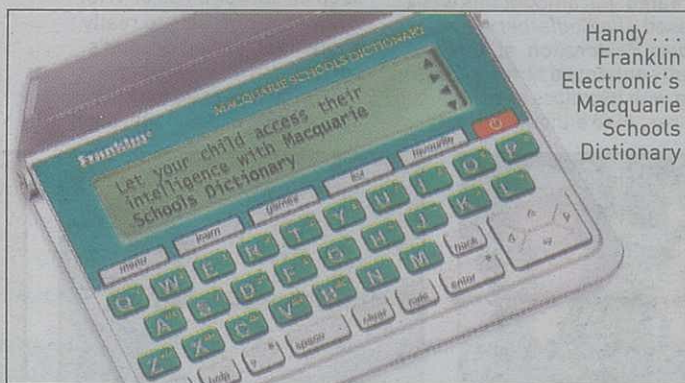
"With the 3G SIM and Data Starter Kit we think Apple's 3G iPhone customers will be able to get more use of their iPhone on 3, with much more value to those living in our Broadband Zones."

# Gadget's the last word in learning

**I**n our age of spell checks and automatic corrections, a dictionary is still a useful tool. Franklin Electronic's latest gadget is an electronic version of the Macquarie Schools Dictionary designed for primary pupils and high-school students.

It sits just 1.3cm off the table and weighs 113g, so it won't weigh down a school bag. The Macquarie Schools Dictionary incorporates three dictionaries — the Macquarie Primary, Student and Budget Dictionary with Synonyms — as well as the Book Of Aboriginal Words, Writer's Friend (a grammar guide), Student Writer's Friend and A-Z Of People And Places.

The screen is a simple monochromatic affair with text that looks like it was printed by a dot matrix printer. There's also a thesaurus offering 500,000



Handy ... Franklin Electronic's Macquarie Schools Dictionary

synonyms and antonyms, which is handy for essay writing.

This gadget will also accept words spelled phonetically and offers a list of possible corrections. Even better, in our tests, the list more often than not nailed what we meant. This dictionary also features

what it calls "confusables" — words that can be confused with others. When the Confusable icon appears in a word's definition, you can press the "?" button to see other words that sound the same but mean something else — for example, reign, rain and rein. The

dictionary of Aboriginal words works differently, giving users the option of scanning through a Language Index — an alphabetical list of Aboriginal words — or an English Index.

People And Places works in a similar way, offering definitions of everything from Jack The Ripper and the Yukon River to the Australian Competition And Consumer Commission.

Franklin has thrown in a few extras, including a Crossword Solver, Pronunciation Guide, Essay Writing Guide, calculator, and eight word games.

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