

**Best digital video camera for the kids****Swann DVR-460 SportsCam**

PRICE: \$145

WEB: [www.swannsecurity.com.au](http://www.swannsecurity.com.au)

This super-rugged 640 x 480 cam captures surprisingly clear, naturally coloured video and good sound no matter where you are: even up to 20m underwater.

**Best-value 1080p home theatre projector****BenQ W1100**

PRICE: \$1,450

WEB: [www.benq.com.au](http://www.benq.com.au)

This crisp 1080p DLP projector throws bright, vibrant and natural pictures, has minimal rainbow effect and is highly configurable and reasonably quiet. Lamps can be costly, though.

**Best-value networked media player (no hard drive)****Western Digital WD TV Live**PRICE: \$148 WEB: [www.wdc.com](http://www.wdc.com)

With a better remote, compact size, wide format support and a very slick interface, the newly revised WD TV Live is a great player.

**Best-value network media player/PVR****Astone Media Gear MP-310DT**

PRICE: \$130

WEB: [www.astone.com.au](http://www.astone.com.au)

Packing in twin-tuner HD TV recording and 'play anything' network media streaming, the MP-310DT isn't as polished as some, but it's unbeatable value at \$130.

**Best network media player with PVR****DVICO TViX PVR Slim S1 Duo**

PRICE: \$350

WEB: [www.alsotech.com.au](http://www.alsotech.com.au)

You'll pay a little more for this PVR, but if you're keen on setting up recordings ahead of time, that outlay pays off with a host of advanced features including a seven-day EPG.

**Best-value digital set-top box****Kogan HD Digital Set-top Box with PVR**PRICE: \$39 WEB: [www.kogan.com.au](http://www.kogan.com.au)

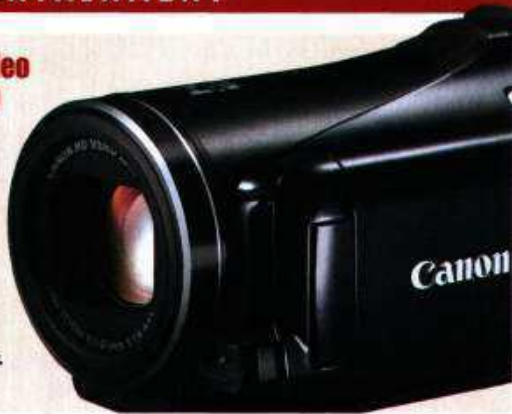
Its interface can be a bit of a nightmare to navigate, but for the crazy-low price, this Kogan USB-recording PVR does the job.

**Best-value digital video camera under \$1,000****Canon LEGRIA HF40**

PRICE: \$870

WEB: [www.canon.com.au](http://www.canon.com.au)

The 16GB of built-in storage is nice, meaning this camcorder is good to go out of the box if you can't find your SDXC card — but it's the best-in-class optics that make it a winner.

**Best-value TV under \$1,000****Samsung PS51D550**

PRICE: \$900

WEB: [www.samsung.com/au](http://www.samsung.com/au)

This 51in plasma shows that you don't need to spend big to get a great TV. While it can do 3D, it's light on smart TV features like net streaming or USB recording. At this price, that's an OK trade-off.

**Best-value TV under \$2,000****Samsung UA55D6000**

PRICE: \$1,980

WEB: [www.samsung.com.au](http://www.samsung.com.au)

This 55in LED TV has impressive image quality (colours and contrast were excellent) and a decent range of features. It's also 3D-ready and has wide PC media file support.

**Best-value hard drive-based PVR****TiVo Media Device**

PRICE: From \$499

WEB: [www.tivo.com.au](http://www.tivo.com.au)

The TiVo is still the most user-friendly PVR out there, with an interface and recording features that are hard to beat. The new 1TB model will be a great boon for TV addicts.

**Best music streamer****SONOS PLAY:3**

PRICE: \$419

WEB: [www.sonos.com](http://www.sonos.com)

It may seem pricey, but the SONOS PLAY:3 delivers great sound quality, easy setup and a relatively affordable entry into home-wide wireless audio.

**Best-value Blu-ray player****Sony BDP580**PRICE: \$250 WEB: [www.sony.com](http://www.sony.com)

This surprisingly flexible player offers a wealth of region- and hassle-free disc and network media playback options, as well as support for numerous online streaming services and good image quality.

**Best-value digital video camera under \$2,000****JVC Everio GS-TD1**

PRICE: \$1,700

WEB: [www.jvc.com.au](http://www.jvc.com.au)

With two lenses and full-frame 1080p sensors, this camcorder is the real deal for those looking to make their own 3D movies.

