

# ILEARN@HILLIARDSS

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### School Website iLearn@HilliardSS Portal

We have updated our school website to include a page which includes all the information our parents would want to know about the BYO iPad Program at Hilliard State. Any feedback can be sent to [iPads@hilliardss.eq.edu.au](mailto:iPads@hilliardss.eq.edu.au)

### App of the Month!

App of the month for May is Popplet. Popplet is a creative brainstorming app where concepts can be linked together. Photos can be inserted to show evidence of learning and text used to record ideas. Brainstorming maps created through Popplet can be saved as an image to your camera roll. The Popplet app is free when the Popplet lite version has been downloaded from iTunes.



### iLearn@Hilliard BYO iPad program to expand in 2015



With the success of our BYO program in 2014, we are now calling for expressions of interest from parents who would like their child to be considered for a BYO iPad class in 2015 (those students who are in a BYO iPad class in 2014 are not required to submit an expression of interest). They will automatically be enrolled in a BYO iPad class in 2015.

A flyer and Student Participation Agreement have now been sent home with non-BYO iPad students. Submitting the Student Participation Agreement to the office will register interest for your child to be considered for a BYO iPad class in 2015. Hilliard SS is well positioned to double the number of BYO iPad classes in 2015, depending on interest from our parents.

Further information can be found on our iLearn@HilliardSS page on our school website:

<https://hilliardss.eq.edu.au/Curriculum/Pages/iPads%40hilliardss.aspx>

Kind regards

Jason Meijboom

Deputy Principal

### Student Goal Setting and Feedback

Our school recently announced our 'Great Results Guarantee' which can be found on the home page of our school website: [www.hilliardss.eq.edu.au](http://www.hilliardss.eq.edu.au)

Included in our strategies, Teachers are being released from class for 2 hours per fortnight to support every student at Hilliard SS with setting goals and targets for numeracy, literacy and reading and provide them with feedback regarding their progress.

1C Teacher, Miss Homewood has gone one step further and has developed videos to engage her students, allowing them and their parents to conveniently and regularly review their goals for the Term. View an example here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fs-txumDoGE>



## Hilliard Code Maker Club



It has been wonderful to see so many students keen to be involved in the Hilliard Code Maker Club.

Students from

Years 4 to 7 have been invited to join the club in Term 2. Prep to Year 3 will be invited to join in Term 3.

The free Hopscotch app used in the coding club allows students to create their own iPad game. Students have also been given access to Showbie to view tutorials to help them along with their iPad game making.

We encourage students to download the Hopscotch app and try out coding for themselves.

## Thank you to the parents who have joined 21st Century Parents Linking learning to the home

Thank you for the parent involvement in the 21st Century Parents group on a Tuesday afternoon. It has been pleasing to see parents eager to experience what learning is like when using the iPad as well as picking up some new skills on the way.



Interest has been shown in running further 21st Century Parent workshops in the future. Further dates of future workshops will be published in next month's eMag. If you have any queries, please contact Kirsty Cutajar by email [kcuta1@eq.edu.au](mailto:kcuta1@eq.edu.au)

## Skoolbo founder, Shane Hill visit to Hilliard SS

On Thursday, May 8, we welcomed Skoolbo founder, and Mathletics founder, Shane Hill, to Hilliard SS to view our iPad classes in action and in particular, how Skoolbo operated in such an environment. What an amazing visit to have such a high profile person visit Hilliard SS, the students and teachers were thrilled!

Shane visited and spoke with students in 1C, 2D and 5/6D. They had an opportunity to ask him many questions. He explained to them how Skoolbo was designed and built, using a sizable development team and how the name was chosen. He told us some of his life story to this point and also that some of the Skoolbo characters are based on his own children and other family members.



Shane told us that in the past 1 1/2 weeks, Australian students have correctly answered over 500 000 questions of which we discovered that Hilliard students have answered over 50 000 of these, well done Hilliard! Most notably 2D students have scored over 16 000 correct answers and 1C over to 13 000. There are many other classes getting points on the board also. Once a student reaches 1000 correct answers, they gain Superhero status and we already have a number of students who have achieved this, in fact, Indiana from 1C has over 2000 points, well done Indiana!

Shane let us know that there are some cool stories that support Skoolbo and best of all, they are FREE. Search for Zalairos Adventures in the iTunes store.

All students who are in an iPad class are asked to download the Skoolbo Aussie app (parents are encouraged to download the app for their child to use at home if they are not in a BYO iPad class). The Skoolbo Aussie app is loaded onto all school owned iPads for students who are not in a BYO iPad class to access. Skoolbo is particularly targeted at the lower and middle school.

Shane said that he thoroughly enjoyed his visit to Hilliard and is already looking forward to visiting again in the future.

## Feedback

Feedback and support, contact your child's class teacher, or feedback regarding the BYO iPad program at Hilliard SS or this or future issues of this eMag email [iPads@hilliardss.eq.edu.au](mailto:iPads@hilliardss.eq.edu.au)