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Skoolbo Achievements

Hilliard SS has made headlines on the Skoolbo website



www.skoolbo.com.au - Check it out on their Blog!!! The creator of Skoolbo, Shane Hill, visited Hilliard SS earlier this year and we hope to welcome Shane back again in the future.

Congratulations to 4A who are also being recognised in the Skoolbo Blog, including a lovely class photo, for achieving 100 000 Skoolbo questions in 2014. This year they have progressed with 256 instances of 10% and 95 instances of 50% skill improvement! We are seeing similar improvements in other classes at Hilliard SS.



App of the Month - Book Creator

The app Book Creator allows you to simply create your own beautiful books, right on the iPad. On the app you can create eBooks and PDFs or publish to iBooks. Book Creator is ideal for children to create their own picture books, reflection journals, textbooks and the list goes on...

iLearn@HilliardSS BYO iPad Program 2015

Notes have gone home with students who have expressed interest to be in a BYO iPad class in 2015 (students already in an iPad class do not need to express interest again). If your child did not bring home a note and you wish them to be considered for a BYO iPad class, please complete the expression of interest (last page of the 2015 program booklet) and return to the office via email or hard copy.

We have once again received strong interest from more parents for more students to be in a BYO iPad class in 2015. At this stage, we have planned for up to 18 classes in 2015, knowing that we will likely offer this to all students from 2016 (we have already been planning what this will look like and how this will operate). Once again, it may be the case that some students who expressed interest to be in a BYO iPad class in 2015 miss out and others who didn't request this may be included into a BYO iPad class. It is important that we consider all educational needs of students including, friendship groups, clashes with students, equity of learning abilities across each year level etc. Students who are unable to bring their own iPad will be provided with a school owned iPad to use when necessary to support their learning however will not be taking an iPad home with them. We are also very conscious about siblings being in iPad classes and will endeavour to ensure that this is the case for 2015.

Brisbane Catholic Bus Tour Group

On the 22nd of October, we welcomed a group of 30 Teachers from different schools across Brisbane. The group visited St Hilda's school at the Gold Coast for the 1st half of the day and then Hilliard SS for the 2nd half of the day. The group visited nearly all of our iPad classes and our students showcased their learning, using their iPad, to our visitors. Our teachers were then invited to share lunch with our visitors and this was a great networking opportunity for all. We received very positive feedback including "your students had the same opportunities afforded to them that existed at a major private school and that it was promising and heartening to see". This is credit to our teachers who continue to provide opportunities for our students to use the iPad to support their learning.



DETE Central Office Visit

On 6th November, Hilliard SS welcomed Department of Education, Training and Employment eLearning Branch and BYOx team members to discuss our BYO iPad initiative and visit classrooms. They provided very positive feedback after speaking with Kirsty and myself and visiting a few classes. They were most happy to hear that our future whole school plan included a model to cater for students who were unable to BYO to ensure that they were not disadvantaged by not at least having access to an iPad at school. We have been invited to showcase our initiative through DETE channels which will likely be published by 2015.

Kind Regards,
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Online NAPLAN testing from 2016

On 25 October, 2014, The Department of Education Media Centre, The Australian Government, announced \$24.7 million to construct the national platform for online NAPLAN testing across Australian schools that will be available in 2016. This is a welcoming announcement for Hilliard SS who may be well positioned, as a digitally rich school:

<http://ministers.education.gov.au/pyne/247-million-transform-naplan-online-testing>

Interview with an iPad student

Ashli Futter Year 6

Q. What do you like about being in an iPad class?

A. It makes learning easier and more fun.

Q. What is your favourite app and why?

A. I like Mathletics because it teaches you how to do trickier maths sums. Also, if you need help you can get help through the app.

Q. What have you found challenging about being in an iPad class?

A. Some of the new apps can be challenging because you have to learn how to use them.



Showcasing Student Achievement

As a part of 3C's English unit, the class created poems and published them on their iPads using the app Pages. Here are some examples.

