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Hooked up ... Keilor Park Primary School pupils Wenyang, 9, and Daniel, 10, try out the new computer software programs designed to assist them with their studies.
Picture: LEN WILLIAMS.

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LEARNING has become a whole lot easier for Keilor Park Primary School pupils.

The school has received a \$50,000 Eduss Education grant to install mathematics, English and phonics educational software for use in the classroom.

Eduss produces a range of computer-based learning programs that allows

a teacher to tailor exercises to a pupil's personal development level.

The program offers thousands of different activities, assessments and homework tasks.

School principal Robert Parker said the advantage is teachers were able to communicate visually in a more sophisticated manner, had the ability to revise and had more practice areas they could go over.

The program also provides teach-

ers with student evaluations, allowing them to determine strengths and weaknesses.

"Sometimes when you put a problem into a pictorial form it helps the kids by becoming a bit more real," Mr Parker said.

"But it can also help high-achieving kids who need an extension too.

"This lets us set the work at a level a student needs."