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## NEWS



**WHIZ KIDS:** Bennett Road Public School students Brooke Sneddon, Amanda Gosden, Jake Treller and Michelle Woellner are happy with the new computers. Photo: BRADEN FASTIER

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BENNETT Rd Public School students now have the opportunity to take home a teacher.

Seventeen local public and private primary schools are encouraging families to get behind a new initiative to boost maths and English results by giving each student a take-home-teacher - an interactive computer program that will help each student get a lot more out of their homework.

Bennett Rd is one of the schools to join the scheme that ensures teachers and students have the necessary support tools they need both in the classroom

and at home. Principal Noel West said his school had received a \$25,000 grant to help establish the Eduss Trek system for use by teachers, students and their parents and hoped to see families equip themselves at home.

Eduss Trek is a home-based interactive learning companion that uses the school curriculum as a map to pinpoint each child's progress.

"Like a guide on a difficult mountain slope, Trek leads each child by the hand to find the best and quickest way forward," Mr West said.

"Day by day the unique system helps each student move beyond their individual difficulties to high personal achievement and success throughout their school years."

An Australian invention, Eduss Trek is the first school-interactive system in the world to chart the progress of each student through the official local education syllabus.

Eduss Schools liaison officer Bryn Whales said Bennett Rd and other schools in the Penrith area have embraced Eduss Trek because of the emphasis on getting more benefit out of traditional homework.