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# Australian kids using new AI tool to



Melbourne dad Paul Richards with son Mason, who loves using the TeachingBlox program. Photo by Luis Enrique Ascui

Like many parents, Paul Richards and his wife found themselves in need of

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Mr Richards said the program had been "life-changing" for his 12-year-old son, a student at Melbourne's Yarra Valley Grammar.

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initially asks the participant a series of questions to gauge their interests and then keeps students engaged by offering

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Mason's case, a passion for AFL and cricket.

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“One of the questions was about cricket - in four innings, he hit 110, 135, 127 and 240.

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“He just starts working it out in front of me on the screen and then the program said ‘Mason you’re amazing’.

“It relates everything to what he’s interested in, he’s a very sporty boy,” Mr Richards said. “Mason said to me ‘I know most of my maths questions now’, which is what he was struggling with before we got him on to this.

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“I don’t think a home tutor would actually do a better job than what this has done for him.”

**Rasmus** 2 hours ago

@Mario Machines don't have yo tolerate bad behaviour but teachers are expected to in a classroom.

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**susan** 2 hours ago

Finding what motivates students and gets their interest is vital. The best teachers can't help kids who are just not interested in learning.

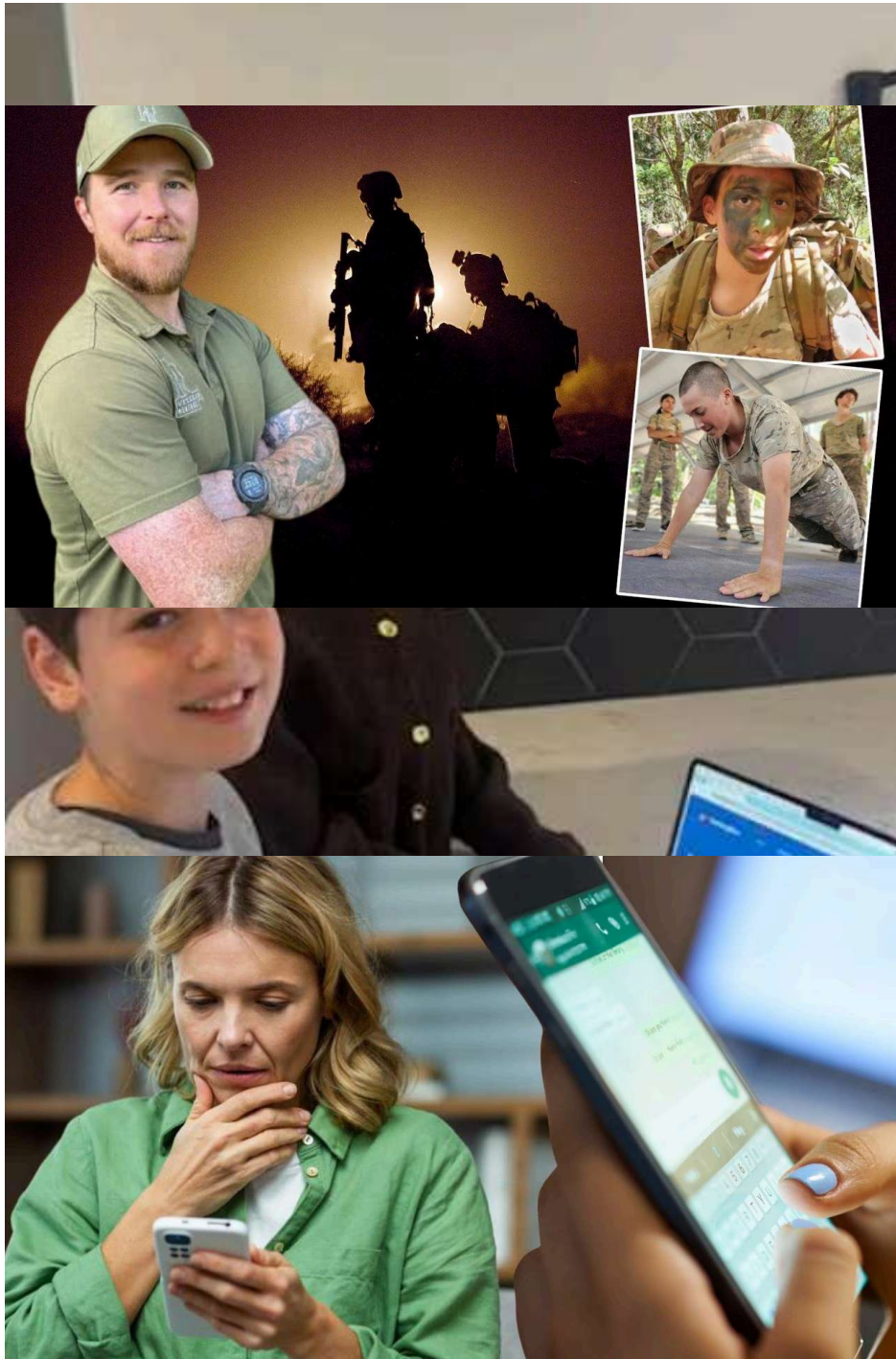
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In my opinion, the fact that we rely on machines to teach kids when teachers can't, speaks volumes about the poor training that the teachers get. Have the entry and qualification standards for teachers been reduced like they have for coppers?

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questions that tie in with his love of cars.

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“I got my son to start playing the games on the website and he absolutely loved it because it’s all about games and getting points,” she said. A new generation of parents have employed the school WhatsApp group not simply as a helpful means of communication, but as a virile home for their gossip, grievances and grudges.

“His teachers told me three months later in his parent-teacher interview that he’s improved in his maths.”

The program is being used by students all over Australia and is the brainchild of founder and AI expert Ross Paraskevas, a father of two who is a board member of Ivanhoe Girls’ Grammar in Melbourne’s northeast.



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Ross Paraskevas, Creator and Founder of TeachingBlox. Picture: Luis Enrique Ascui



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Engineer Alex El-Kazzi, 32, from Sydney's southwest, uses TeachingBlox to help with language learning and marketing skills

Good Morning George. He said the platform helped him retain knowledge and he wished there had



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