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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

science.

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By simply following a few steps, you can recommend TeachingBlox, an AI-powered teaching program that taps into a student's interests to boost engagement and help them with their studies. Join the conversation, you are commenting as **George** Logout

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program had been “life-changing” for his 12-year-old

son, a student at Melbourne’s Yarra Valley Grammar.

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

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improved, particularly his ability to work out equations without a calculator. 2000 characters remaining

“I got the shock of my life the other day,” Mr Richards said.

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

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

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“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.”

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susan 3 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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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. Have you heard your kids shouting “6-7” and had no idea what they’re talking about? You’re not the only one... Find out here.

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

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The program is being used by students all over Australia and is the brainchild



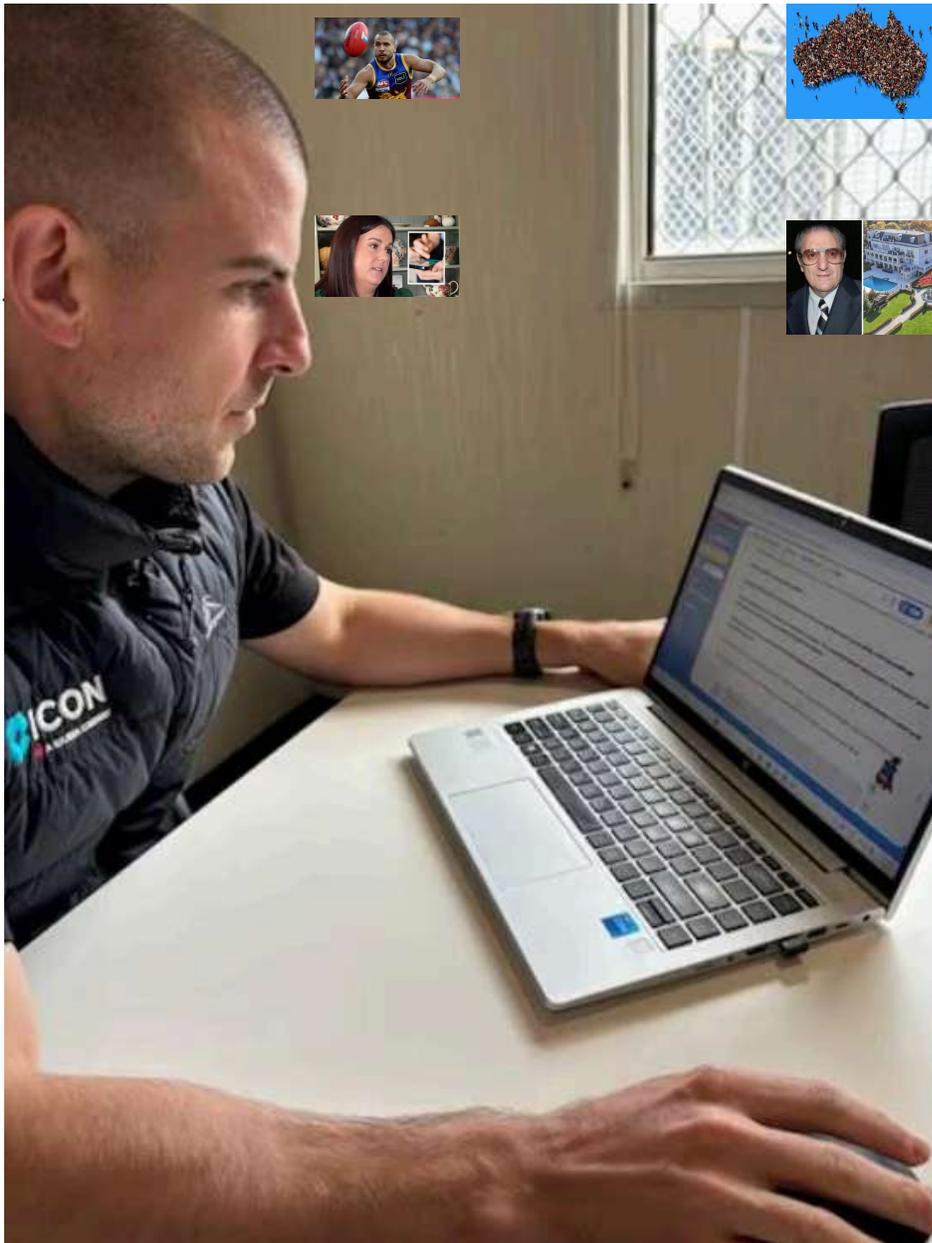
Several major global tech giants have shown significant interest in partnering with TeachingBlox to incorporate it into their platforms. Classes cancelled as The caravan kings and SA restaurants Adelaide-first fitness queens riding Aussie 'helpless' as flames ravage and destroy 16 studios spins into vanlife boom Every 16 lesson adapts to who they are, how they feel, and how businesses best," Mr Paraskevas said.

"It gamifies the journey — as you're levelling up, you're earning points, you're

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"And all of a sudden you get to level two, but to get to the level two and



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Marc Zigame uses TeachingBlox. Picture: Supplied

“Through that process, you are earning points. But it’s doing something even more special. As you’re learning, it’s identifying knowledge gaps. It’s identifying skills gaps.”

The learning platform has attracted huge interest in India as well as the United Arab Emirates, where a study is looking at 200 students across five schools over a three-month period.

“Half of the students will engage with TeachingBlox, while the other half will form a control group, enabling comparative insights,” the UAE’s Department of Education said.

“The study will explore how personalisation and gamification affect student motivation, enjoyment, and engagement in learning, while also observing early indications of knowledge and skills gained.”

And it's not just for kids — adults seeking self-improvement are also using the platform to up their skills and enhance their learning.

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

He said the platform helped him retain knowledge and he wished there had been a similar program when he was growing up.

"I feel like it would have saved a lot of time and money — my parents put me in tutoring at a very young age and I just watched how much they struggled to pay the tutor for an hour session," he said.

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