

Hot program adds up

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For the first time parents, teachers and students have a cost-effective online tool to support maths learning that links to the school curriculum. HOTmaths is an affordable and cutting-edge program and it shows children that maths can be fun and interesting.

Sebastian Trevaskis from Lindfield, a Year 8 student at St Aloysius College, said it was a helpful, easy program to use.

“You can teach yourself and go at your pace in the classroom,” Sebastian said. “It backs up what we are already learning and it helps to make maths fun.”

HOTmaths is directed at all early secondary school students and can be used by children at school, under parental supervision and independently wherever students have access to the internet.

Program founders Don Colless and Shane Barry believe showing children that maths can be interesting and relevant will allow them to



Photo captions: Sebastian Trevaskis (Year 8) is one of the students at Aloysius College who is using the new learning tool HOTmaths.

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engage with the subject and help them perform better. Mr Colless said the programs were designed to be used by students of all abilities. “Any parent or teacher will tell you that kids love to learn using computer programs,” he said.

St Aloysius College maths teacher Margaret Loomes said the school introduced HOTmaths for Year 7

students last year and is extending it to Year 8 students this year.

She said the program was an asset when catering to different abilities.

“It provides the students with opportunities for plenty of drill and practice in an interesting format and gives immediate feedback to both students and teachers,” Mrs Loomes said.