HILTOP ROAD PUBLIC SCHOOL

Hugo Burness, Emma Kusumo and Robbie Lavery with their laptop computers.

Kids tap into classroom of the future

Peter Bodkin

WELCOME to the classroom of tomorrow, where kids barely out of preschool write programs for robots as happily as they draw with crayons.

School in Merrylands is among the first schools across the country to receive a full complement of computers – one for each of its 670 students – as part of the One Education program.

The not-for-profit organisation computers in the hands of primary school students across Australia.

Nearly two hundred schools, mostly from disadvantaged areas, have already signed up for the special computer, called the

Campaign launch

The NSW Teachers Federation launched the Do Your Block to Stop TAFE Cuts campaign last month, with a rally held outside Parramatta state Liberal MP Geoff Lee's office. Teachers, students and unionists distributed leaflets and called for Mr Lee to stop TAFE cuts in western Sydney.

Interior designs

Thousands are expected to attend western Sydney's biggest free interior design show this summer, starting on December 7, at Sydney Olympic Park's Armory Gallery. The Designing Your Future exhibition will be the region's biggest showcase of the latest trends in interior design, and is presented by TAFE NSW South Western Sydney Institute's interior design school at Lidcombe. The exhibition celebrates the work of the 2013 graduating