

ST IGNATIUS' COLLEGE, RIVERVIEW

# Building for future



Julian Lee of BrainCrank at Riverview and (inset) students Michael Opyan and Marcus Criola.

## Students create inventions during tech program

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YEAR 5 students at St Ignatius' College, Riverview, combined science and technology in a fun way with the Little Makers Club.

During the six-week program developed by BrainCrank founder Julian Lee, students used Little Bits electronic building blocks to create inventions.

Mr Lee said students had to come up with ways to im-

prove their bedrooms using limited materials.

"One made a remote-controlled pet dog, another made a clothes wardrobe that would spin until it got to that day's clothes," he said.

"One group of kids were keen on making life easy and built a floor plate which, with pressure, turned on the TV, the swivel chair and the wall sound."

Mr Lee said he started the program after seeing his

daughters engrossed in science and wanting to create an unforgettable learning experience around the subject, so they might consider it an option in the future.

"The ultimate aim is to take this national through an online teacher training program and creating an invent-a-thon with different schools," he said.

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