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Coding

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Re: Coding Curriculum Program – Semester Two 2017

At Glen Waverley Primary School we are committed to providing the most comprehensive educational program possible in order for every child to reach their full potential. As a means of further developing our curriculum and the cognitive ability of our students, we have implemented a Coding program. We are happy to announce that this program will now be available to years 3, 4, 5 and 6 students in Semester Two.

Coding has been highlighted as a 21st Century skill that all students should learn, it has been included in the Victorian Curriculum and was showcased in 2015 with the worldwide initiative “Hour of Code,” in which Glen Waverley Primary School participated. While the use of technology is a great way to support our students’ learning, so too is coding which allows them to understand the logic and science that controls this technology.

Kids Unlimited is the company who will run the Coding program for our school. The students will participate in a one hour coaching session each Wednesday, **during the luncheon recess or after school.** Using a design-based learning approach, students explore computing, programming logic and design concepts through hands-on exercises using the proven platform Scratch. The program will commence on **Wednesday 9th August 2017** and over the course of the Term Two, the children will participate in 12 lessons as follows:

Term 3: August 9th, 16th, 23rd

September 6th

Term 4: October 18th, and 25th

November 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th

December 6th

Please complete the online permission form and pay for this activity through our Qkr Accounting System. The cost is \$90.00 per child and the final date for payment is 24th August. Please choose either the Luncheon Recess or Afterschool Coding Session to ensure your child is enrolled in their choice of class. Please ensure that your child is registered on QKR with their correct name and year level and that you enter payment against the child you wish to participate. You can visit our website for instructions on how to download the Qkr app to your phone or access their website.

We strongly encourage you to consider the program for your child(ren) as the educational benefits are immense.

Yours sincerely,

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