Hello!
An iPad in class

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Hello! My name is Joshua, and I am a Grade 8 student at the School of Merit Private School, situated in Edenvale, Johannesburg.

iPads have greatly influenced work in many areas.

Ever since we started using iPads in class and have been trained by Knowledge Network, our work ethic has improved.

Not only does it improve how efficiently we do our work - for example, instead of relying solely on books and the occasional research on a school desk computer, we can now quickly and efficiently do research online and in any place, by using our iPads.

In addition, other apps such as Keynote, Pages, iDraw, and a few others greatly improve how and how quickly we can complete our work efficiently, quickly and with a professional appearance.

Knowledge Network plays a big role in how efficiently we can work on our iPad, by means of how to correctly use our various apps, how we can quickly and easily find the best research online, while maintaining a good sense of Internet security, and at the same time taking care of our iPads.

We don’t only learn about Apple’s iOS but have also learnt about various concepts covering computing and apps in general.

This also assists us in transferring knowledge gained from our iPad to other platforms such as Windows.

We are more motivated to work too. The reward being either access to gaming apps or music (by means of earphones).

Overall, iPads have influenced me in a very positive way.

My Knowledge Network lessons on Mondays are definitely one of our favourite classes.

Gaining knowledge on how to use an iPad, is not only beneficial to us now, but will stand us in good stead in our future careers and adult lives.

iPads are definitely the more professional, efficient and enjoyable way forward.
School, Varsity, Life and the Workplace

Letter to the educator
about Varsity Life

Michelle Risi
who was a learner at Seaforth College

now
Ashton International College - Ballito, South Africa

Dear Mrs Hulett

I am writing to let you know what a huge benefit the Knowledge Network program has had on my University career. I am currently in my third year of a BSc in Marine biology at UKZN.

Not only simple skills such as grouping on Word or using functions on Excel that I had known and neither of my friends had, but in general I feel more comfortable on a computer, especially when using statistical programs which are a very important part of studying to become a biologist. PowerPoint presentations have also been very important in my 3rd year and will be so too in my honours year.

I feel more capable of handling all of these tasks that have been set for me, and I just wanted to say thank you for all your help through my school years.

Michelle Risi

Letter to the educator
about Work Life

Lian Lubbe
who was a learner at
Grey High School - Port Elizabeth, South Africa

Good Day Sir

Since Grey has +150 pupils leaving school each year & the same number of new pupils starting their High School career, I won't expect you to remember me...(Matric Class of 2005)

But what I would really like to say is that since I've started working this year, I realised the only thing that has helped me from school is 2 things: MATHEMATICS, and ALL THE SKILLS & TECHNIQUES you taught me in Microsoft Excel, Word & PowerPoint back in my Knowledge Network (I think that was what the Computer Training Program was called???) days! As much as what I thought back in school days of what “time-wasting” it is, so much do I realise each day that it gives you so much of an edge in the working environment.

I do realise this might come off a bit random but just wanted to thank you. Hope the Grey is still going strong!

Kind Regards
Lian Lubbe

About life at home and overseas (USA)

Mike attended a Knowledge Network technology conference for kids, then attended “intensive” lessons at Knowledge Network.

Mike then moved to the States where because he was so ahead of everybody with knowledge of the computer he managed the school web site (he was 13 at the time).

At age 15, he won an internship with Microsoft. Microsoft then employed him full time when he graduated and he has been with Microsoft for about 10 years.

He is in a team managing about 20 employees. He is also described as a fantastic photographer.