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■ Techno savvy ... Elizabeth Bartezko, Joshua Sia and Veronica Ho.

Computer whiz kids

PUPILS at Good News Lutheran School have led the state in a nationwide computer skills competition.

The Middle Park school's 86 participants from Years 3-7 recorded six high distinctions (top 1 per cent of Queensland) and 35 distinctions (top 10 per cent).

eLearning integration teacher Andrew Robitaille said the competition set the "national benchmark" in information and communication technology.

He said the pupils had

access to 240 computers and 14 classrooms with data projectors, DVD, VHS, TV, and surround sound facilities.

"We also have an online learning environment that allows students with a home internet account to send work to and from school," Mr Robitaille said.

"Some students have more than one opportunity a week to go into the computer labs so they are becoming more and more familiar with computers and software."

Mr Robitaille said tech-

nology would continue to play an important role in children's personal development and education.

"Children are surrounded by technology every day and in every part of their lives," Mr Robitaille said.

"Dealing with technology is very much a life skill these days and it is often something that we take for granted.

"If children aren't familiar with technology then they are going to struggle when the time comes for them to look for a job."