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Makers Empire receives \$800K in funding

Education Technology company, **Makers Empire**, has been awarded **\$400k** under the Accelerating Commercialisation element of the Entrepreneurs Program. Existing investors have matched the grant dollar for dollar which is a key proviso of the program.

The Australian Government program provide financial support to help commercialise innovative products, processes and services, and improve their productivity and competitiveness.

"The Makers Empire 3D printing learning program is already being used by over 50,000 students in hundreds of schools across Australia, America and Asia. The total \$800k in funding will allow us to expand our reach across the world." said **Jon Soong, CEO of Makers Empire**.

"The 3D printing revolution has begun and the market is predicted to grow massively in the next decade. Professionals with 3D Design skills will be required across just about any industry you can imagine. Makers Empire creates an environment where students and teachers can incorporate '3D design thinking' into most curriculum areas", he went on to say.

"Plenty of schools are interested, but most don't know how to approach the new technology. The fact is, Makers Empire can quickly and easily prepare any school in the world for a 3D design and printing program in a matter of hours without even going onsite. We are extremely excited that the Australian Government has committed to support this immediate opportunity", he added.

Makers Empire has recently partnered with New York State public schools and the New York Institute of Technology's Technology on a successful pilot to introduce its 3D printing learning program to a dozen New York state schools.

"Prior to the pilot most of our schools were struggling to understand how to integrate 3D design and printing into cross curricula activities," said **Professor Stan Silverman, Director of NYIT Technology Based Learning Systems**. "The Makers Empire pilot has provided the beacon for schools to follow that are opening opportunities for students that simply were not on the table before the pilot."

About Makers Empire

- With its world-first 3D printing learning program, **Makers Empire** is transforming the way K-8 students learn with 3D printing.
- The **Makers Empire 3D: Schools** program helps teachers achieve genuine learning outcomes with 3D printing via curriculum aligned lessons plans, training and professional development.
- **Makers Empire 3D: Schools** is used by hundreds of schools and 53,000+ students in the USA, Australia and Asia.
- A new 3D design is made using **Makers Empire 3D** software every single minute.
- Over 320,000 3D designs have been created by Makers Empire's global community of makers using the free **Makers Empire 3D** software.

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