

## Get free solutions to tricky homework questions – via mobile app

HARD-UP students who struggle to afford tuition could soon be able to download a mobile app to help explain tricky homework questions.

They can use it to take a picture of what they cannot understand, and get an answer within a few hours – for free.

The app has been created by Edusnap – a youth social enterprise founded by Singapore Management University final-year students Shaun Tan, 24, Edmund Phuang, 26 and Luck Chia, 25. It aims to level the playing field for students who need help but do not have the luxury of

tuition. In the premium service, which is free for needy students, questions are answered by full-time tutors and academically-strong students from low-income families who are paid for their services. There is also a free crowd-sourcing online platform where other users can answer questions and rate the answers.

The group is registered with the Social Enterprise Association, which will provide funding for a year, alongside the ACE Startup Grant. It is expected to be launched by July or August.

The idea came about when

the trio met a classmate, Mr Anders Tan, 27, who had arrived at the university via a long and difficult route.

From the Normal (Technical) stream, he went to ITE, then to a polytechnic and finally to university. As Mr Tan could not afford tuition, peer support was an important reason for his success. All three plan to run the business full-time after graduating in June. Mr Shaun Tan said: “We were lucky enough to be given opportunities. Now we want to help those who do not have these opportunities.”

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