



Salesian College is a secondary with over 150 staff and more than 1200 students. Given the ubiquity of personal computing devices in the student community, the college took the practical step of allowing students to bring devices to school to operate on a virtual desktop.

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The problem

The Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program was introduced in 2015 to aid '1:1 learning' on personal devices. To make this achievable, a high level of performance was required across the ITC network in order to support the 1200-plus virtual desktop users.

The StepFwdIT solution

In 2015, StepFwdIT ran a trial program for Year 9s to help college executives make a fully informed decision about BYOD and its potential impact on the 2016 curriculum. StepFwdIT also upgraded and consolidated the server production environment with new hardware to enable the college to realistically assess the trial. In order to support the college's design curriculum, high-end graphic processing units were also installed.

How it has helped

At no cost, students can now remotely access the latest apps and files hosted by the college online for 'anywhere, anytime' learning. In addition, a standardised training environment now ensures a consistent learning and teaching experience across the school.

An added benefit is that parents do not need to buy new devices for their children to harness the benefits of the college's innovative programs. The college will also be in a position to increase enrolments by making the school more attractive to parents seeking a state-of-the-art, 21st century teaching and learning program.

Lastly, financial resources once allocated to maintain shared iPads and laptops can now be directed towards valuable future-focused technology.

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