

Learning at All Hours with Saint Stephen's College

How Saint Stephen's College is using blended learning to ensure education is never offline

At a glance

Client: Saint Stephen's College

Students: 1,300

Faculty: 120

IT Staff: 3

Level: K-12

Solution: Brightspace Learning Environment

Challenge

Peter West, Director of eLearning at Saint Stephen's College on Australia's Gold Coast, noticed a problem with the school's Computer Studies course: some teachers didn't fully understand the breadth of the courses they were teaching. In addition, teaching was done "to the middle of the class" rather than personalized to the needs of their students. Saint Stephen's also needed an LMS that could help solve its issues.

Solution

Peter created tutorials for the school's courses, which resulted in a blended learning environment for students. By using Brightspace, students who were bored and unengaged could skip ahead in the materials, while those falling behind were able to repeat the material until they understood it.

Results

Peter checked usage on a Sunday afternoon and found that 65% of Year 12 students and nearly half the rest of the school had logged in at some point that day. Peter notes that students are logging in around the clock, suggesting that students are now using Brightspace to learn on their own schedule.

What they said

"[Brightspace is] easy to use," explains Peter West. "It's got depth and power that'll keep us going for many years."

"Our core business is education, not technology."
– Peter West

"If I wake up at four o'clock in the morning, in a sweat thinking about something, it is never about Brightspace." – Peter West

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