

College optimises classroom outcomes with CyberHound

CyberHound has helped a leading Victorian Catholic secondary school increase classroom efficiency and protect students from harm.

Marcellin College, conducted by the Marist Brothers in Bulleen since 1950, has a strong focus on wellbeing for its 1,400 male students in Years 7 to 12.

"Marcellin College strives to create a rich and diverse learning environment that recognises a focus on developing the 'whole person' is essential for learning. The College provides a comprehensive Student Wellbeing Program which supports our boys as they enter and until they exit the College.

Boys are taught skills and knowledge regarding study skills, leadership, cyber citizenship, resilience, restorative practice, reflection and growth mindset, and how to be a good man. The College values positive relationships and partnerships between the College, the home and the broader community." Marcellin College website.

Marcellin College determined its previous web filtering package was no longer suitable to address the needs of the growing school. The school found that while internet use and costs were increasing greatly, there was no real control or reporting on what was being accessed.





CYBERHOUND CASE STUDY MARCELLIN COLLEGE





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The College identified CyberHound as the ideal solution based on its focus on schools, its service and the good reputation it has built over many years.

In addition to receiving the latest in web filtering and YouTube caching, the College now benefits from a superior Australianmade and locally supported cybersecurity platform. This includes behavioural analytics reports that have enabled early detection of at risk behaviour.

CyberHound's ClearView service provides automated reporting for school leadership and pastoral care specialists on a variety of risks - from potential cyberbullying to other risks such as student mental health or wellbeing concerns.

Marcellin College Assistant Principal (Operations) Nicholas Moloney said that this service had positively impacted the lives of students and the broader college community.

"We have intercepted wellbeing issues that we weren't aware of, and that had a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of those students," Mr Moloney said.

"Those case studies in themselves would be enough for me to express the virtues of CyberHound. If we didn't pick those up and things had progressed... you just speculate what could have happened. But the fact we were able to get them support early on was really important."

Mr Moloney said classroom efficiency had also benefited from implementing CyberHound.

"In the past the teachers had to spend a lot of time setting up rooms, walking around or sitting at the back to be able to monitor what students were doing on their devices," he said.

"Whereas now that aspect is gone and they just know that the boys are on task, they can move around and help the boys with questions rather than having to worry about the monitoring aspects of which websites they are on and if they are doing their work."

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Marcellin College also uses tools such as YouTube Analytics and Caching to allow students to view videos at certain times, ensuring appropriate access and reducing internet expenses.

"We've cut our internet costs significantly, so there's a substantial financial saving there. This has been a massive win for the school."

CyberHound Chief Executive Officer John Fison said that he is proud of the outcomes schools, such as Marcellin College, are achieving through the use of CyberHound's learning enablement and cybersafety solutions.

"Our services are tailored for dynamic school environments and flexibly cater for the smallest primary school to some of the largest colleges in the Asia Pacific region," Mr Fison said.

Mr Moloney and his staff appreciated the flexibility and ease of use of the CyberHound service.

"We are impressed with the power and the versatility as well as the functionality, and ther are still features we haven't deployed as yet," he said.

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