



Newcastle Grammar School simplifies document management and backup with Foldr

One of the longest established schools in the region, Newcastle Grammar School is the leading independent coeducational day school with over 800 students and staff from Pre-school to Year 12.

The school has embraced the use of technology for both students and staff, including a strategy to support BYOD / BYOT adoption.

The Challenge

Newcastle Grammar School has had ongoing issues with students working on assignments and saving data between their iPads and their home drives.

"Now that we are rolling out a BYOT program it has added an additional layer of complexity to this issue, particularly for IT staff to be able to manage the data and protect it with adequate backups."

The Solution

Foldr was implemented to enable students with iPads to easily and securely work between the school computer labs and their iPads and not lose their work. As Foldr has a native iOS app it integrates into all the applications that the students use, making it very easy to save work to Foldr.

The ability to integrate Foldr with existing systems such as Schoolbox, ensured that both students and staff have benefited, while following familiar processes.

Use Case: File access & management

Enable the IT department to centralise management and backup of files and data. Support the use of BYOD / BYOT strategy.

Industry Sector:

Education

The Challenge:

Students saving work to personal home cloud storage. Cost of Citrix for secure file access.

The Solution:

Implement Foldr so that students and staff can easily save and access work through their own device, and enable the IT department to centrally manage data and backup all work.

The Result:

Simplified process for students and staff to securely save and access work from their school issued and BYOT devices.

Additional cost savings gained from enabling a longer term strategy to replace the Citrix installation, for secure file access.

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"We have found the support to be excellent and the development roadmap to be excellent also."

Michael Browning, IT Manager,
Newcastle Grammar School

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The Results

As Foldr acts as a gateway to cloud storage locations, supporting single sign on for Office365 and a number of other cloud storage solutions such as Google Drive, DropBox, students are now able to access all their on premise and cloud storage from a single location, easily work on their schoolwork and then submit their work directly from their device to Schoolbox, via Foldr.

"We have deployed this on our school owned iPad fleet for our K-4 students. Year 5 and upwards have also been able to install and configure it on their own devices.

Foldr has been well received by the students and over the course of term 1 this year, all students are moving to use the Foldr platform. "

Additional Benefits

"There are some additional benefits that we were not expecting from Foldr, which have also proven to be invaluable.

Foldr has been introduced to the staff as an alternative to using the existing Citrix installation to access files from outside the school network. This has been very well received and the uptake of Foldr from the staff has been quicker than that of students.

With its SSL encryption, secure file access via Foldr is a big step towards being able to move away from having to maintain a Citrix environment, with cost savings from a lower administrative overhead for the IT team, as well as saving on the system costs."

"We also have our Cadets and Rowing operating out of a great facility off campus. We were initially looking at having to install an expensive internet/firewall solution to allow permanent IPSec VPN access back in to the school network to allow access to the main network. However, as we now access files via Foldr this was not necessary and we were able to put a cheaper NBN connection in and still give the staff access to the services they need."