Case Study: Studentnet and Shore School

Shore School

Sydney Church of England Grammar School (Shore) was established in 1889 and is committed to an education based upon a credible Christian faith. It has over 1,007 pupils and staff. For Shore, ensuring the safety and wellbeing of the school community has always been a priority.

With increasing pressure on independent schools to implement principles of good governance at board, executive, and department management level, *Shore required an IT infrastructure that would allow it to maintain a single, centralised log-in facility to manage a growing array of software, systems and programs.*

Studentnet

Dedicated to the Internet needs of educators working with students since 1996, Studentnet focuses on bringing the economy and innovation of cloud-delivered services to education networks.

> *"I prefer to work with an organisation that shows a commitment to the K-12 sector and Studentnet fits that profile. [The Studentnet MD] cares about what they are doing and understands that his mission is to build something he knew schools would struggle to build." Richard Jones, ICT Manager, Shore School.*

The Brief

- Minimise staff effort in using services by only requiring them to sign on once to all systems.
- Minimise administration effort by only having to maintain one set of credentials for all users across all systems.

The Solution

The Studentnet solution is **one key for many locks.** With Cloudwork, an industry-standard protocol using *security access markup language (*SAML), Studentnet provided a secure, single login for access to multiple software systems.

> *"I took confidence from what I was hearing and seeing in emails that people knew what they were doing … it was clear with this particular product: it's not for the faint hearted … Why would I build a SAML infrastructure here when I could just use a third party?" Richard Jones, ICT Manager, Shore School.*

With Cloudwork

- Users only need to remember one username and password,
- Users only need to sign on once for multiple different services in one session,
- IT managers' workloads are reduced by removing the need to administer multiple sets of account credentials, and troubleshoot associated IT issues.

> *"Cloudwork and its SAML functionality provides the glue for our cloud compatible services … Choosing the Cloudwork option has allowed our IT Managers to focus on the needs of the school." Richard Jones, ICT Manager, Shore School.*