



Case Study

21st Century Learning - A Reality At Genazzano College

BUSINESS SITUATION

Genazzano College is a preparatory level to Year 12 Catholic school for young women in VIC

REQUIREMENT

Genazzano College needed an integrated approach to connect students, staff, parents and administrators through a portal called "Fidelis"

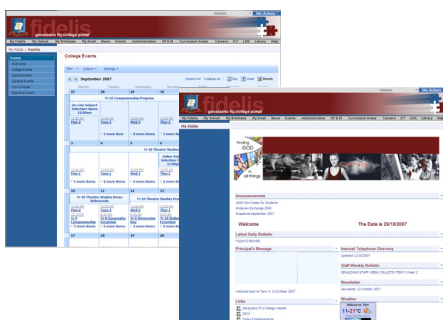
SOLUTION

Design, implement and customise a portal and Learning Management System that encourages collaboration and information exchange in a secure and well managed infrastructure

SOFTWARES

Microsoft Office SharePoint Services 2007
Microsoft MLG

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In late 2006, Genazzano College developed a portal called "Fidelis" using SharePoint 2007 to communicate information, and documents to students, staff and parents. Fidelis is not a generic product that can be purchased off-the-shelf, but rather a solution built around the needs of the school.

Students and staff have access to Fidelis whether they are at school or away from the school. They have the ability to upload and download their files through "My Briefcase," download documents, access daily bulletins, read and send emails, look at the College calendar and access curriculum materials such as the Learning Federation Learning Objects and the Learning Management System. Many of the students at Genazzano are familiar with online environments. They are not intimidated by the technology and have embraced Fidelis and the Learning Management System. The ability to extend the classroom beyond scheduled class time using Fidelis has been a positive experience.

Parents have also been provided with an individual username and password to access Fidelis. They have access to their daughter's teachers via email, their daughter's timetable, the fortnightly newsletter and important announcements.

The College implemented the Microsoft Learning Gateway as a portal front end for access by students, teachers and parents. The gateway is a portal for Prep-Year 4, Year 5-Year 12, teachers and parents of students and the school information.

This implementation uses Microsoft Office SharePoint Services 2007 software, as well as customised and migrated web parts from Microsoft MLG. The site integrates with the school's Student Management System with a single sign on environment. The externally accessible components of the portal have been implemented to provide user identification through either Active Directory or a form based access provider. Using an integrated identity management approach, the maintenance of parent accesses are separated from the school's Active Directory.

The initial component was to design the right architecture and then develop and implement the solution to suit the current and future needs. The portal is designed to be the information gateway between parents, teachers and students in a collaborative environment.



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