



Testimonials

Belmont High School: Jenny Picone, Reports Co-ordinator

Belmont High is a large 7 - 12 secondary school which has a wide range of curriculum offerings and programs. The school has been using the Star system since semester two 2006 and moved to this initially for the ability to have an on-line system which did not involve installation and maintenance of a source program over the large laptop/desktop network.

The system has an easy to use interface which connects directly to the data and therefore does not require staff to do any extra operations to update it. The built in spell checker and comment banks constructed around VELs domains are also features that have been excellent assistance for staff when writing reports.

The school is also able to use an on-line Review system with staff having access to each other's reports to ensure that any errors are quickly fixed prior to printing. This allows access from the beginning of each report cycle and has enabled new staff to gain assistance in report writing from Domain leaders and other Domain staff. The report content and length are flexible in that it can be adjusted to suit a particular domain approach or curriculum, which for Belmont has seen the creation of the report for the core units in the middle years with its extensive list of VELs area and extended comment boxes.

Updating VCE subjects and their outcomes and assessment tasks is simple and makes for a very flexible package. The printing process is efficient and produces a top quality report for distribution to parents. The school has received very good feedback from parents on the detail in the reports, the print display and the reliability of reprints from past years.

The school has received excellent support and assistance over the time from ABI Systems and has appreciated its ability to adapt the program to the school specific requests such as requests for variations of the teacher interface, creation of different types of reports to cater for 7-10 as well as VCE reports and inclusion of Outcomes within the year 9-10 reports. The Student Tracking and Reporting (STAR) program fulfils the needs of the school in having an efficient, easy to access and mobile system that is easy to maintain and not too labour intensive.

We are pleased to support Star Reporting and ABI Systems Pty Ltd as they have provided a top quality product that has been reliable and easy to use.

Belmont High School: Joel McMahon, System Administrator

Moving from an application based report system where every computer needed a client installed, to Star webpage based system made an immense difference to my workload during report writing. Previously, report writing time was an insanely busy time for my technicians and me. Constant issues involved reports completed at home not sending to the central server or reports being lost. Deploying the latest client versions to all staff laptops and computers was always a nightmare. Star solved all of this. At school or at home, teacher reports are updated to the central server instantly and no client apps are needed on any computer apart from a web browser. The administration I am required to perform on the server is minimal, but when I do need to perform a task such as adding student photographs, it's a simple process that takes no time at all. I hardly notice when it is report writing time now.