

## **Our Lady of Mercy College, Parramatta**

### **Challenge**

To deliver state-of-the-art computing for >1000 users with restricted access, high security and ease of use within a limited secondary school IT budget.

### **Environment**

OLMC is an independent Catholic girls' college with 900 students and 100-150 full and part time staff. It has over 300 computers in dedicated labs and classroom-based networks and wanted a solution which would:

- Enable access to files and applications by staff and students from any location
- Protect the network from virus attack and SPAM
- Ensure protection from inappropriate internet material
- Be robust, reliable and simple to manage
- Be affordable within their highly restricted budget.

### **Solution**

NetLeverage provided a combined solution of:

- NetPoint – the hub of the network providing connectivity, management and security
- ThinPoint - enabling remote access and re-use of existing aging computers
- wwWebguard – enhancing internet performance and providing content filtering

to create a network with increased performance, increased functionality, reduced management and support costs. The overall cost for OLMC was a fraction of higher profile solutions.

### **Outcomes**

#### ***Cost saving***

*"NetLeverage offered a perfect fit for our networking needs at a fraction of the cost of higher profile solutions,"* Simon Bryan, OLMC's IT Director, said.

*"We've saved literally thousands on our investment in each of these products, particularly with ThinPoint, which cost 85-90 per cent less than it would have taken to achieve the same remote access capabilities with a comparable solution from Citrix."*

#### ***Remote access***

The use of ThinPoint provides remote access to school applications and personal files, enabling students to check their schedules or upload assignments into the school directory from home. Currently, each user has a 50MB storage allotment, which will increase to 750MB with the impending installation of a new terabyte storage facility, facilitating OLMC's current push to increase its use of resource-intensive multimedia across the curriculum.

#### ***Ease of use***

*"Its integrated systems combine preconfigured hardware and software components to greatly simplify the work involved in implementing and managing our network. From security and network management through to content filtering and remote access, NetLeverage has all the bases covered."*

Mr Bryan said another key benefit of ThinPoint has been the ability to establish a thin client network within the school itself.

