



## College protects its students with next generation internet filtering

Good Shepherd Lutheran College Noosa is protecting almost 900 internet enabled students, providing genuine peace of mind for parents and distinguishing itself from other schools in the area with a SecurED internet and email management solution from Netbox Blue.

The solution provides a complete suite of security and management features and is protecting students from pornography, predators and other inappropriate internet material without restricting access to the wealth of information on the internet. For a college that prides itself on providing a safe and caring learning environment for students from Prep to Year 12, those are essential features.

“Internet filtering is incredibly important in our school,” Good Shepherd Lutheran College Noosa IT Manager, Scott Josephs, says. “Parents need to know that we’re doing everything we can to ensure the safety of their child on the internet, just as they would at home. By using Netbox Blue SecurED, we can assure parents that we have leading edge filtering that is constantly updated. Parents walk away happy with that.”

### A complete solution to internet and email management

Prior to installing Netbox Blue SecurED, the College was running three different products to secure and manage its network. The result was an expensive and time consuming headache.

“We were paying three different licence fees,” Mr Josephs says. “We had three different companies and had to deal with three different support desks if we had problems or if something changed. We needed to consolidate that.”

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After investigating the companies that offered all-in-one security and management solutions, the choice was narrowed down to two products.

“I found the Netbox SecurED interface a lot easier to use,” Mr Josephs said. “The other product used a lot of Java in their management tools and it didn’t fit together as well.”

“SecurED has a cleaner, slicker feel about it. We decided to go with that.”

The SecurED solution provided a whole new approach to internet and email management for Good Shepherd College. With the one cost-effective appliance, the College did away with the duplication and



expense of managing three disparate solutions. The College now has spam filtering, an enterprise class firewall and education specific reporting tools as well as many other features in the one appliance. Perhaps most importantly for a school that takes its Duty of Care to students extremely seriously, it has an internet filtering system that is second to none.

## Students protected with Closed Loop Collaborative Filtering

The Netbox Blue SecurED solution gives Good Shepherd the surest way to carry out its Duty of Care by using Closed Loop Collaborative Filtering to manage the internet. A centrally managed data base of millions of classified internet sites is constantly updated. The system rapidly responds to new internet material to ensure vulnerable students are always blocked from inappropriate content.

The College also uses the SecurED reporting tools to monitor which students are attempting to access blocked sites. If the same student regularly appears on the list, he or she can be cautioned and informed that school policies are being contravened. From there further action can be taken for repeat offenders.

“We have a real obligation to make sure we’re putting in place a safe system,” Mr Josephs says. “It’s very important to have a cutting edge internet filter.”

Internet management is not only crucial for students, it’s essential to maintain the confidence of school parents.

“Parents put a lot of trust in schools in that respect. They expect that we are doing the right thing and that the internet filter is doing its job. A configurable system that doesn’t date is very important,” Mr Josephs says.

The SecurEd solution is one of the key weapons in the College’s battle against cyber bullying. The College has a comprehensive education program for parents to keep them abreast of the problem, how it can be tackled at home and how the College manages it at school.

“We tell parents that we use cutting edge technology that is constantly updated to filter the internet. Netbox Blue is a large local company with an international reputation, so we can protect children better than schools that don’t have that technology,” Mr Josephs says.

“That’s something parents like to hear.”

## About Netbox Blue

Netbox Blue is a leading provider of internet and email security, filtering and management solutions. Netbox Blue provides organizations with the tools to protect their network from internal and external threats, control data leakage and ensure staff use the internet productively. The company offers a broad portfolio of products and services including Unified Threat Management appliances, email filtering appliances, soft appliances (for virtual environments) and OEM-ready solutions. The company was established in 1999, is privately held and is based in Australia. Netbox Blue has a presence in 18 countries and has partnerships and distribution agreements with some of the world’s largest IT providers.

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