

St Peter's Girls' School Transforms Learning with Technology



Background

St Peter's Girls' School is a private Anglican and International Baccalaureate World School located in Stonyfell, just 5km from Adelaide's CBD. The school was opened in 1894 by the Community of the Sisters of the Church, pioneering English women who arrived with very few possessions, but a vision for quality girls' education. The school currently has around 900 children, ranging in age from 2 – 18.

Over the past few years, the school has embarked on building works and upgrades. One of the key projects was the delivery of a new Middle School, creating open

and flexible learning spaces which harness the latest in interactive technology.

Having benefited from Promethean interactive whiteboard technology in the past, the school understood how successful the front-of-class display was. No longer working within the constraints of the Middle School building, the open, new-build classroom environment provided a blank canvas to suit the school's progressive teaching and learning techniques.

Key considerations

Eighteen months before the Middle school building project was completed, the school set up a prototype classroom to evaluate the use of edtech in the space. Promethean helped the school design and develop this by loaning technology and providing support and training, assisting the school to establish an optimal collaborative environment.

The school was focused on two main goals for its future e-learning within the innovative space: the student agency and the decentralising of the classroom. The new building incorporated plenty of glass, ensuring a light and open environment. Transparent sliding doors subdivided or opened classrooms, encouraging large collaborative group work or for students to work alone or in small groups.

The chosen technology would also need to integrate smoothly with the school's digital ecosystem and Office 365, enabling the continuation of established resources such as the full Cloud suite.

Why the ActivPanel?

After consultation with students and teachers, the school procured 22 Promethean ActivPanels for the new Middle School classrooms and the common areas.

Melissa Bray, the school's eLearning Integrator, explained: "The Promethean ActivPanels are a central feature of decentralising our Middle School classroom spaces. Two screens in each room not only allow students to consume content from anywhere in the room, the multi-touch integration enables groups to create content on each of the panels, annotate peer-generated or teaching artefacts and take the driver's seat in their learning."

Installing two panels in each class area, has created a dynamic learning environment for both teachers and pupils, and the open plan classrooms have enabled fluidity. The ActivPanels provide a central resource on which students can share what they are doing, collaborate and provide feedback. This has contributed to the ethos of student agency as pupils own their individual learning.

"The ActivPanels facilitate teachers to capture learning easily, enabling them to curate interactive content within our learning management system. While the ActivPanels provide our teachers and learners with transformative tools, their usage is directly proportionate to the pedagogy employed within our classes," continued Melissa.

Discussing why the school decided to continue its relationship with Promethean, IT Manager Nicolas Cronis added: "Promethean was helpful in contributing hardware for R&D purposes when we were still trying to develop a solution that would work best for our school. They clearly understood that we wanted to explore new and creative ways to engage with technology and to re-imagine the way that classes are delivered to students. They have provided support from day one to help us work towards achieving our goals. We have had Promethean interactive whiteboards in the school for over 10 years and we are pleased to continue with the business as our technology partner."



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