Utilizing technology to support unique learning styles

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A leader in high-quality education

St. Peter's College has been a leader in high-quality education for boys and young men in South Australia for many years. Maintaining a leadership position can be challenging, but in recent months they've managed to advance even further. The school has adopted a unique mobile technology program, improving students' learning experience by using iPads and Macbooks as everyday classroom tools. In the early days of the program, there were measurable increases in productivity due to the students' more convenient access to educational resources.

"At St. Peter's College, our strategic focus has been placed on how best to utilize digital technologies to enhance the education we offer," said John Cosenza, IT Manager at St. Peter's College. "We know our boys use a range of digital devices as part of their everyday world, and the challenge has been to successfully merge their world outside of school into a contemporary school experience."

The IT department is responsible for supporting 441 iPads and 380 Macs. In order to succeed at this scale they needed a management solution to automate recurring tasks. This is where Jamf Pro gave them a boost—complementing their existing, strong IT staff and ecosystem by proactively addressing first-level issues.

CONQUERING MAC AND IOS MANAGEMENT

After a successful evaluation of Jamf Pro to manage iOS devices, they decided to adopt it as a solution for Mac management as well. They had a list of desired criteria used for assessing their options, and Jamf Pro fit the bill. Appealing factors of Jamf Pro included having one single interface to manage all of their Apple devices, along with the software's stability and ease of use.

The rollout of Jamf Pro was a smooth and trouble-free process, thanks to partnerships with Xcite Logic and CompNow.

"These partners assisted throughout the entire process by ensuring they " understood our requirements, the setup of the system, training of our staff, assisting with maintenance and providing a prompt escalation path when required," said John. "The product has proven to be user friendly, easy to learn, and allows the user to achieve things quickly and easily."

Since their move to Jamf Pro, they've enjoyed the benefits of having a single management interface, access to Apple's Global Service Exchange, integration with their existing directory services, and the ease of automatically deploying policies.

FORWARD THINKING TECHNOLOGY

With a constant focus on productivity, several teachers at St. Peter's College are discovering innovative ways to apply technology in class. Their one-to-one iPad program facilitates new teaching and learning methods, rather than replacing the traditional system. The result is students applying the technology in a manner that supports their own unique learning style.

"The goals have been to ensure our excellent academic standards are enhanced, our communication improved, and that we use technology wisely to strengthen student engagement," said John. "It is important that the many strengths of the school remain as we introduce new initiatives moving forward."

As students embrace their iPads, they've used them in a variety of ways. With eBooks, students have the ability to highlight text, take notes and tag pages just as they would with a hard copy textbook—without the extra weight in their schoolbag. Their ready access to the eBook reader has allowed for a more agile integration of information into the classroom.

Along with the technical improvements, immediate access to email allows students and staff to maintain constant communication. Overall, the use of iPads has bene ts inside the classroom and out, allowing for a richer learning experience for students.
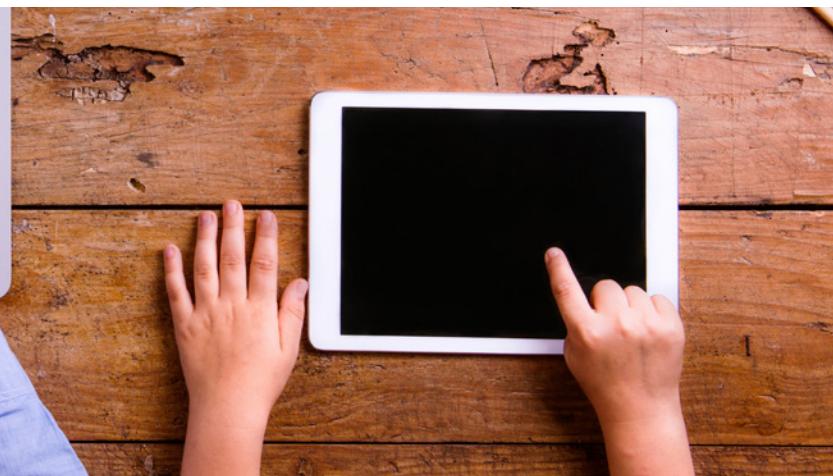
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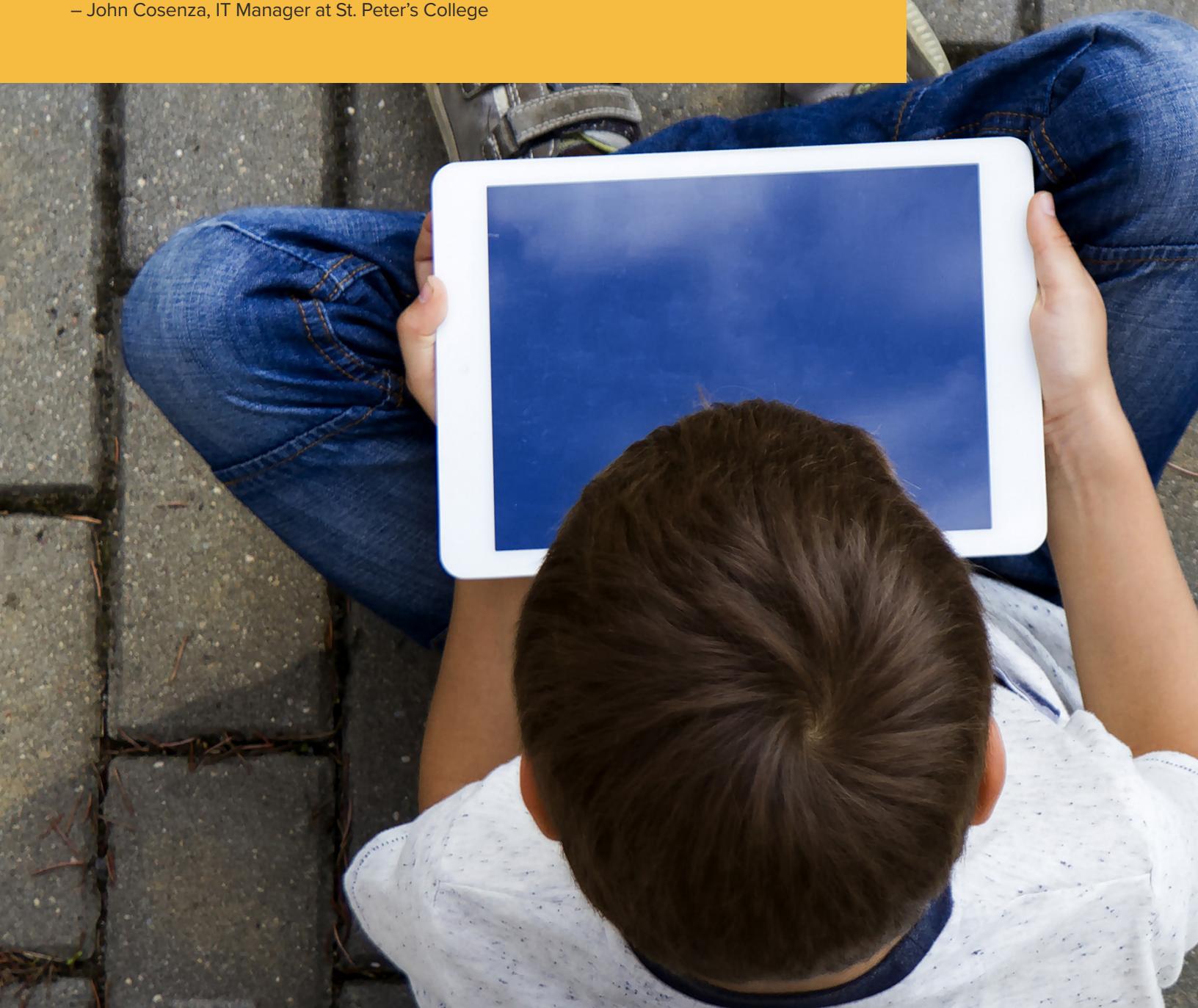
COST SAVINGS FOR THE FUTURE

In any organization, if there is one obstacle that is universal—it is meeting the budget. The IT department at St. Peter's College has realized immediate cost savings since their implementation of Jamf Pro.

Because of Jamf Pro's compatibility with multiple platforms, the school did not require an extra server to deploy the software. In addition to the cost savings of using existing infrastructure, IT staff required less training by utilizing the technology they were already familiar with.

One of their main concerns before having a management solution was the ability to run a scripted task based on Standard Operating Environment (SOE) images, rather than a single image. Now, SOE images can be made and implemented in minutes, rather than having to re-image one laptop at a time.

The ability for end users to perform administrative tasks, such as using the Self Service portal to install software and con gure their own settings, saves the IT department time and money when it comes to routine maintenance.

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