

St Patrick's College Townsville Testimonial



ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE TOWNSVILLE



About the School: St Patrick's College Townsville is an all girls' Catholic independent educational community in the Mercy tradition. Their Mission is to promote fullness of life and nurture excellence in learning for all young women in a joyful environment.

School Contact: Jay Burmeister, Head of Department - Digital Literacy

Students: 550 students (7-12)

City/State: Townsville, Queensland

What is the school's Teaching & Learning strategy?

Part of St Patrick's College teaching and learning strategy is having the expectation that our students take responsibility for their learning, including accessing textbooks outside of class and in their home environment. The capabilities of ReadCloud's offline learning platform provides students with the ability to challenge themselves both at school and at home, so St Patrick's College girls can become effective independent and self-paced learners.

How did St Patrick's College handle content learning strategies before ReadCloud?

Initially, St Patrick's College teachers and students accessed textbook resources direct from bespoke publisher's websites, each with a different password. Class time was often lost due to students forgetting a password or accessing the wrong publisher website. The ReadCloud app provides a platform with one login and password which enhances the learning environment by minimising disruption and lost time due to password and website issues.

Is there a specific strategy around integrating digital tools (e.g. a device policy)?

In the last couple of years we deployed a Learning Management System (SchoolBox)

and ReadCloud and it was therefore important that teaching resources were easily accessible through both ReadCloud and SchoolBox. Although ReadCloud is most often used by students in standalone mode it also embeds directly into SchoolBox, providing a seamless digital environment for our girls to access their resources.

Why did you decide to use ReadCloud?

We chose ReadCloud because it provided one point of contact for publisher content, provisioning, student passwords and any publisher issues. This has largely alleviated our time and resource management within the classroom since all we have to do is liaise with ReadCloud when we experience any textbook issues.

What features does St Patrick's College like the most about the ReadCloud platform?

From a teaching perspective at St Patrick's College, one of the most valuable aspects of ReadCloud has been the accessibility of the textbooks in an offline mode. The simplicity of accessing textbooks and immediately entering an interactive environment in which you can teach or set homework has streamlined our classroom learning capabilities.

How has ReadCloud helped with the impact of COVID-19?

ReadCloud was hugely beneficial to both staff and students for remote teaching and learning during COVID-19 because the software enabled offline learning to continue in an uninterrupted way.