Lockyer District State High School Testimonial

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About the School: Lockyer District is an independent public school that highly values secondary education. Their mission is to provide a safe, tolerant and disciplined environment within which young adults prepare to be active and reflective Australian citizens with a will for lifelong learning.

School Contact: Tony McCormack, Deputy Principal

Students: 1,062 students (7-12)

City/State: Gatton, Queensland

What is the school's Teaching & Learning strategy?

Lockyer District provides a more traditional academic learning environment, as opposed to a fully digital learning model. In recent years however, the need for digital pedagogy has become increasingly prevalent, especially with the introduction of a new senior curriculum in Queensland. ReadCloud has been the missing link we require for easier accessibility to online content, whilst still enabling us to be traditional through both print and digital textbooks.

How did the Lockyer District handle content learning strategies before ReadCloud?

Before ReadCloud, Lockyer District purely provided hard copy texts books with no digital access at all. ReadCloud's online and digital software has provided an entirely new way of teaching and learning, where greater access is provided to our students who are willing to study at their own pace. The digital only model has also been majorly beneficial amongst the COVID-19 environment, where ReadCloud has provided the ability to flick a switch and create access for our student's content and their textbooks.

What is the main challenge around content access?

Our main challenge at Lockyer District is the connectivity and communication between our teachers and students in an offline mode. ReadCloud has helped us considerably deliver a learning model where offline education is uninterrupted and easily accessible for all of our students.

Why did you decide to use ReadCloud?

Our decision was largely driven by getting early and timely access to textbooks that support the new Queensland curriculum. ReadCloud has enabled us to get ahead of the curve and provide this seamless integration. The content is continuously evolving year on year, so having the access to ReadCloud's software and its capabilities with provisioning new publisher content has enabled us to keep pace with the change.

What features does Lockyer District like the most about the ReadCloud platform?

The most beneficial feature of the ReadCloud platform for us is its offline capabilities, both in the accessibility of student texts, but also in the collaboration functionalities that the software provides. Something we are really excited about is the integration of ReadCloud's Immersive Reader, which will provide huge benefits amongst our EAL/D cohort to have native texts in their language or transcribed to English.

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

ReadCloud has enabled seamless access to continue learning in an uninterrupted way both inside and outside the classroom. The software and Class Clouds have been able to replicate as closely as possible the usual classroom experience, which has effortlessly continued classroom collaboration.