

## CASE STUDY

### THE CLIENT

Erasmus School is part of a worldwide family of schools. At the heart of the curriculum is a belief that a good education leads one to truth and fulfillment. The school teaches a Philosophy of Unity and the curriculum is inspired by classical works of art, music and literature.

Erasmus School was established in 1996 and now has 125 pupils. It has classes from Prep to Grade 6. It is governed and staffed by members of the School of Philosophy, Melbourne.

### THE CHALLENGE

The software used by the school for administration tasks was not user friendly and intuitive

Information had to be manually entered into Excel and then manipulated and extracted to produce reports and information.

It was difficult to link families together, particularly those with complex structures such as step brother, stepfather and so on. School staff always had to keep separate notes about these families or remember the relationships,

### THE SOLUTION

The solution to the problem was the utilisation of the Sundata QUAD hosted service.

Migration was eased by the capture and import of existing system data into QUAD and the implementation has commenced with student and community management information. The implementation will continue with business (finance) modules coming online for 2009.

### THE BENEFIT

The hosted solution is charged on a per student, per year basis, so the impact on school finances is spread over the life of the system, with up front costs being minimized.

The improved ease of use compared to the previous system meant easier uptake and training for school staff and better productivity, sooner. The ease of data extraction from the QUAD database has also improved decision making timeframes within the school, as information is far more readily available.

The hosting option means the school has no need of server and associated hardware – the link is facilitated by the schools web connection and administration tasks such as system backup, are looked after by the Sundata team.

### ABOUT SUNDATA

Sundata was established in 1986 and provides IT solutions to corporate, government and schools clients around Australia. The Sundata 'QUAD' solution for school management provides a comprehensive set of functions covering all aspects of school operation and academic reporting. It is available as both an onsite product or via a hosted facility over the web.

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