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Rhenish Primary School Gains Peace of Mind with SonicWall

South African primary school deploys solution to ensure safe browsing and preserve bandwidth

Business need

During its recent shift to a blended learning approach, Rhenish Primary was faced with the challenge of securing the large influx of devices that students had begun bringing on premises. With roughly 800 pupils, there was a greatly increased need to safeguard online activities while at school. At the same time, administrators needed the ability to preserve bandwidth by ensuring access was restricted to school-related activities only.

Prior to this shift, Rhenish Primary had an offsite ISP firewall — but soon found that the capabilities of this setup weren't nearly comprehensive enough to accommodate the school's needs under its new learning model.

Solution

After consultation with SonicWall's sales team, Rhenish Primary opted to deploy a SonicWall next-generation firewall (NS*a* 4650) equipped with content filtering for both http and https, gateway antivirus, anti-spyware and intrusion protection. The final setup also included LDAP integration, SSO, SSL authentication and radius server with captive portal.

Results

Since deploying their new SonicWall solution, Rhenish Primary School is already experiencing a significant reduction in the amount of malware activity.

While there were some initial adjustments necessary on the part of the staff, many of whom found they were no longer allowed to visit sites they had become accustomed to accessing, these were resolved quickly, and Rhenish Primary-Stellenbosch Principal Gary Skeeles reports that everything has gone smoothly since.

Based on their experience so far, Skeeles says he would definitely recommend SonicWall to other schools. "The peace of mind that comes from knowing children are browsing safely is massive," Skeeles said.

Benefits

- Less malware activity
- Ability to restrict bandwidth to school-related activities only
- Access control
- Increased visibility

Solutions at a glance

- [SonicWall NS*a* 4650 with Advanced Gateway Security Suite](#)
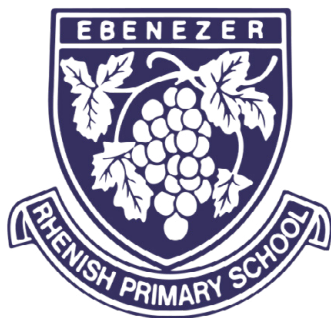
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Customer Profile

Company	Rhenish Primary School
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