

## Desire2Learn Client Success Story

# BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Brisbane Grammar School, an independent day and boarding school, has origins dating back to 1868 making it the oldest secondary school in Brisbane. Steeped in tradition, Brisbane Grammar School is committed to providing a liberal education to boys and now serves more than 1450 boys in Years 6–12 (ages 11–17).

Recognizing the importance of technology, the School has incorporated technology into the core curriculum, requiring students to complete Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) projects in a variety of subjects as well as providing blended courses.

Brisbane Grammar School is a non-denominational boys' school located near the centre of Brisbane. The school maintains a strong tradition of academic excellence, operates an extensive extracurricular programme and emphasizes the integrated use of technology.



### Desire2Learn Impact

- 1450+ active learners
- 180 academic courses and 220 overall courses
- High adoption rate – 90% of students log in at least once a week
- 99% of students logged in during the last month

## The Challenge

After first connecting to the internet in 1995, by 2000 Brisbane Grammar School had a fully functioning website and intranet to facilitate teaching and learning. Many departments used the intranet to post files for their classes. While this met with success, the School realized, through feedback from students and faculty, that they faced three main issues:

- There was a great deal of difference between department intranet pages and hence inconsistency across the School
- Faculty struggled with electronic submissions of assignments
- People had to have technical skills to utilize the technology and, therefore, usage was limited to those that knew the tools.

*“We chose Desire2Learn because it is a fully featured LMS including a sophisticated content management and release system. In addition, it is flexible enough to actually mirror the organizational structure of a K–12 school environment.”*

ICT Manager | Brisbane Grammar School

## In Search of Answers

In order to create a more equitable and consistent system, an advisory committee consisting of faculty, the IT department, and the Deputy Headmaster Curriculum was formed to investigate new technology options that would enable them to provide a more consistent experience, have a more robust set of tools, and include all teachers who wanted to have materials online. Furthermore, they wanted a comprehensive technology that would truly fit the K–12 environment.

The committee investigated a number of traditional and non-traditional Learning Management System (LMS) providers and, through the process, was able to refine their requirements to find a solution that truly met their specific needs.

## The Solution

After piloting and researching more than five different solutions, Brisbane Grammar School piloted Desire2Learn Learning Environment in the last term of 2005 and chose it as the solution of choice as their total online presence in 2006.

## The Results

High adoption of the system has been an indicator of success for Brisbane Grammar School. A recent analysis showed that, even though Desire2Learn is being used in a blended environment, 90% of students had accessed the system in the last week and 99% in the last month. While the initial focus of Brisbane Grammar School was to serve the academic needs, the School has found the platform flexible enough to use to communicate with parents. By creating a parent portal within Desire2Learn, the School communicates more effectively with parents and facilitates more information sharing, stronger partnerships and an enhanced sense of community.

Desire2Learn continues to work with Brisbane Grammar School enabling them to serve students, parents, and teachers more effectively, and create innovative solutions for enhanced teaching and learning.

*“We feel we’ve been successful and Desire2Learn has played quite a big role. The support system is well run and there is a professional approach to implementation. When you go with Desire2Learn they put you through a rigorous process, but that’s comforting because you know they are looking at things properly.”*

ICT Manager | Brisbane Grammar School

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