

**TOSHIBA**

# SUCCESS STORY

Established 161 years ago in Coburg, Victoria, St Paul's may be one of the state's oldest schools but when it comes to education and learning innovation it is at the cutting edge.

Principal Paul Sheedy has been at the forefront of introducing innovative technological developments to assist his teachers, administration staff and students in achieving optimal outcomes.

"The four key elements that we look at are assessment, planning, implementation and reporting. If you can improve in each of those elements then you can improve in every area of the curriculum," said Mr Sheedy.



Customer: Saint Paul's Catholic Primary School  
Country: AUS  
Industry: Education

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## THE CHALLENGE

The leadership team looked to introduce documentation scanning technology that would enable teachers to more efficiently manage and therefore better understand student performance by digitally capturing students' paper based work and assessments.

"Unfortunately, the click and drag technology that was then available at the time actually created extra work for teachers and proved to be an unpopular implementation," he said.

The issue led him and his ICT Coordinator, Mr Frank Cananzi to source more widely for a technology company that could provide a more efficient document management solution for his teachers and students' needs.

## THE SOLUTION

Toshiba Account Relationship Manager, Mr Rob Colonnello introduced Mr Sheedy and Mr Cananzi to Toshiba's e-STUDIO high speed Meta Scanning technology.

"We had to put forward our needs as we saw them through a number of meetings and discussions we had with Rob and the team at Toshiba. Over time we developed a truly constructive partnership with both sides looking for a win-win outcome. This close working relationship led us to the fantastic solution we have today," said Mr Sheedy.

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Mr Sheedy stated that one problem most teachers face are that they are time poor. Because the Toshiba Meta Scan technology is so simple to use, we have been able to train up our teachers aides to take on some of the responsibility of scanning the student material. This frees up the time for the teachers to spend more time with the students," he said.

The Toshiba Meta Scan technology allows the teacher or teacher's aid to scan any paper based material directly to the student's file as a PDF, Word or a range of other electronic document files. He said his scan direct to student folder action is carried out very simply from the Toshiba e-STUDIO MFD's easy to use control panel.

## THE RESULTS

The scanned files are each date and time stamped for easy recall. Student folders can even be created on the fly so the versatility of the Toshiba e-STUDIO Meta Scan technology is top rate.

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They can use Toshiba technology to demonstrate to the parents their child's academic performance from when their child started in Prep to when they finish in Year Six. The idea of digitising information evolved to where they are now able to record student talks via a USB microphone as well as student video material and save it to the student's folder.

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## THE OUTLOOK

At the completion of Year Six, the school gives the parents of their students a DVD of their child’s academic progress including all scanned paperwork, voice, video and assessments. The parents are amazed that they can have at their fingertips their child’s journey from Prep to Year Six.

“Because we are able to so easily and readily provide parents with this kind of evidence based information, where they can see how their child is performing based against state standards, it has proved a highly popular tool among parents and teachers alike. It has also proved an effective promotional tool to show to prospective parents when considering which school to send their child.”

According to St. Paul’s, this type of evidence based information gathering builds trust in the parent community that their child’s teacher actually knows and cares for their child’s summative and formative development.

Mr Sheedy said from a personal point of view that he is moving to a paperless office scenario.

Mr Sheedy also said that he can see Toshiba e-STUDIO documentation scanning capabilities being taken across into the administration area. Scanning the paperwork he receives to secured and backed up electronic files is easy and simple with the e-STUDIO.

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