Case Study | Parallels Remote Application Server

Henley High School Improves Application and Remote Capabilities After Upgrading to Parallels Remote Application Server

The Customer: Henley High School

Henley High School is a coeducational secondary public school, located near the beach town suburb of Henley Beach in southern Australia. With more than 1,400 students and hundreds of staff, the school provides a comprehensive curriculum with a focus on literacy, numeracy, internationalism, vocational learning and STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics). Henley High School's mission is that students graduate with a sense of hope, opportunity and choice. With more than 75 international students and 25 students with significant learning difficulties, the school provides high-quality teaching and learning for marginalized students, as well as those who have a significant intellectual and/or physical disability.

The Challenge: Provide Staff Remote Access to Onsite Servers and Applications

The school was looking to modernize its IT offering and provide faculty and staff with the ability to access applications and storage remotely. They needed to provide a virtual application publishing solution for up to 25 concurrent users at any given time. The school also wanted to make these features available on any mobile device.

The IT department needed a virtualization solution to create flexible, mobile-ready virtual learning workspaces and consolidate the IT infrastructure, making it easier to secure, scale and maintain. However, they did not have the budget or staff time to install or run an expensive or confusing solution.

The Solution: Parallels RAS Simplifies Access to Applications While Increasing Security

When Parallels® Remote Application Server (RAS) was adopted by Henley High School, the school noticed immediate benefits to staff capabilities and IT budgets. By using Parallels RAS, the school was now able to provide secure, easy-to-use application publishing to any of their staff devices. Staff can now access work documents and save back to the network from remote locations. IT staff did not need to spend a lot of time helping staff configure certain programs on their devices—the transition was simple and seamless.

The IT team had found a virtualization solution that met the mobility needs of the school while also saving IT resources.

The Key Benefits: Provide BYOD Support with an Impressive Mobile Experience

By using Parallels RAS, Henley High School minimized the hours required by IT staff to set up and support teachers who need to access teaching material on their devices. Parallels RAS enabled a simple and effective bring-your-own-device (BYOD) policy, allowing for the integration of personal devices without the IT department needing to provide and maintain them.

The faculty was widely impressed by the great mobile experience provided for phones and tablets. The remote capabilities made it easier for teachers to prepare coursework and for the school to focus on its goals: meeting the learning needs of the diverse range of students from their local community.

"Very simple and fast to set up and run. Parallels RAS achieves what we needed. Our staff can now access our apps and storage remotely using any mobile device, at any time of the day."

–Andrew Dodd
ICT Manager, Henley High School

About Parallels

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The company's solution portfolio includes the award-winning Parallels Remote Application Server (RAS), providing platform-independent virtual desktop, application delivery, and integrated thin-client management from a unified interface to any modern operating system.