8 Reasons Why K-12 IT Teams Use Meraki

Cisco Meraki empowers K-12 schools and enables their IT teams to provide students, teachers, and other school personnel with the tools, resources, and access they need to succeed in a constantly evolving educational environment. See why K-12 institutions across the globe use Meraki to simply configure and manage their network, while transforming how their students learn every day.

Simplified Operations

Trinity Lutheran College

By deploying a full stack Meraki solution Trinity Lutheran College was able to simplify and streamline their network infrastructure, with robust wireless connectivity to all sites, even with limited IT support. This has allowed the IT team to focus on adding value to the school's brand, rather than fighting fires.

"This stuff takes care of itself. It's there, it's available, it works, it's reliable, it's easy to work with, and you don't need specialised skills. We're actually going to the business now and asking for executive direction on projects that will really add value to the school's brand and to the learning outcomes for the students." *- Howard Cooper, ICT Manager, Trinity Lutheran College*

Quick Deployment

Hills Education Foundation

Deploying the complete Meraki solution allowed to replace the legacy network and was implemented to all indoor and outdoor spaces across the 660 acre campus within just one week. Now, Cloud dashboard allows simple management of guest network and security settings and the ease of management lowers ongoing support costs and reduces time spent managing the network.

"Meraki was the logical choice to use whether that was in the classrooms, dormitories, guest houses, outdoor areas, or on the golf greens." *- Craig Montgomery, IT Manager*

Complete Visibility and Control

Salisbury East High School

Built for performance, the new enterprise-grade solutions deliver significantly faster connections, higher throughput, and greater user capacity than the school's old hardware, eliminating the latency and packet loss issues. Furthermore, the Meraki APs provide total visibility into the network, even usage down to the application level.

"Our team's philosophy is simplicity. We want to make sure our IT is as straightforward as possible with no unnecessary complexity. I was delighted to discover that Meraki has the same mentality. The Meraki dashboard is the embodiment of simplicity." *- Adam Masters, Network Admin, Salisbury East High School*

Digital Learning

Bunbury Catholic College

Students at now Bunbury Catholic College are able to use their timetable application to find out when class times are, rather than relying on paper copies. In addition, they now have access to their class plans and assessments, while also having the ability to send in assessments directly to their teachers, thanks to the 1:1 program.

"It's so easy to see what traffic is going across the AP, who's connected, the troubleshooting tools, and the LAN tab, all in a single view." *- George Everitt, IT Manager of the Bunbury & Mercy campuses*

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Built for Lean IT

Auckland Grammar

Auckland Grammar's three-person IT team looks after 2,500 students and and 160 staff. They first introduced Systems Manager to manage iPads used in various departments. Now, Meraki's web-based dashboard allows for easy network changes without running complex CLI while using virtual stacking on switches enables the lean team to make changes to multiple switch ports simultaneously.

"We deployed all of the Meraki switches by ourselves and we completed it over a school holiday. It's been really amazing to be able to do that." - Cameron Watt, Director of IT

Broadband and Network Scaling

Rosebank College

The previous network was outdated, lacked centralised management, and couldn't handle the growing student population. After all of the previous devices were replaced with Meraki APs, Rosebank College was able to monitor and manage all APs from the dashboard, simplifying tasks like changing policies on different SSIDs and upgrading firmware, as everything was pushed from the cloud. The ability to access the Meraki dashboard from any browser has prevented headaches as there is no longer a need to download a Flash player just to manage networking devices.

"It's easier to manage so we're not bogged down by the typical network setup and needing to train everyone on every vendor. Meraki opens up the way for us to have a standard network and to have just one person manage the network." – Saif Samaan, Information and Communications Technology Manager

1:1 Device Management

John XXIII College

Students and teachers can now use their devices seamlessly indoors and outdoors. Meraki empowers students to choose space anywhere that suits them best for content creation or collaborative group projects. Teachers are connected on their devices anywhere on campus, enjoying stable wireless connectivity while monitoring student activities through Apple Classroom easily.

"Previously, devices would have to be configured individually through commands in Terminal. Now I can configure the devices through the easy-to-use Meraki dashboard and can even clone and group configurations across the whole Meraki stack. This significantly reduced time when we configured and deployed a high quantity of switches." - Matthew Christides, ICT Services Administrator

Digital Equity

Socorro Independent School District

Leadership at Socorro ISD was determined to provide all students with equal access to technology, no matter which school they attend or their personal situation. They deployed a robust, flexible, and scalable network that enables 21st century learning for all students.

"Socorro ISD is a compassionate, innovative district. We treat and educate all student as if they are our own. We have prioritised funding for technology so that all students have equal access to the Internet, regardless of their campus or personal situation." - Dr. José Espinoza, Superintendent of Schools

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