Genesis Christian College
Customer Story

Genesis Christian College is a co-educational school for years Prep-12. We spoke with Joy, Director of Library Services, about the circumstances in which Box of Books was implemented as the school's learning resources supplier.

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JOY

Director of Library Services, Genesis Christian College

Joy explained that Genesis College students did not previously have 'a one stop shop' access to digital texts. The College Library used individual icons for each publisher that linked students to various online resources. After trialling three eTextbook platforms, over a few years, unfortunately the platform they adopted for the 2019 school year did not live up to expectations. The College decided to look for an alternative platform for Semester 2 of 2019.

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Joy described the school's digital strategy "Every student has a laptop which is leased from the school. We use the Windows operating system on which we use SharePoint, OneNote and Teams for teaching and collaboration. The school has Single Sign On via SAML/ADFS and all student subject enrolment information is located in The Alpha School System (TASS)."

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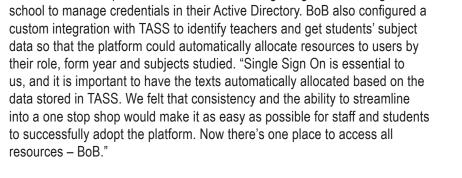
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Box of Books set up access via the school's Single Sign On, allowing the school to manage credentials in their Active Directory. BoB also configured a custom integration with TASS to identify teachers and get students' subject data so that the platform could automatically allocate resources to users by their role, form year and subjects studied. "Single Sign On is essential to us, and it is important to have the texts automatically allocated based on the data stored in TASS. We felt that consistency and the ability to streamline into a one stop shop would make it as easy as possible for staff and students to successfully adopt the platform. Now there's one place to access all resources – BoB."

As part of managing the changeover the school had their BoB Regional Manager conduct staff professional development, "Brett came in and conducted training with teachers, and I've put up BoB signs everywhere showing users where to ask for help using the fantastic in-app support." Box of Books also supplies physical texts to the College to supplement the digital texts. "We believe students learn best by having a combination of digital and physical texts, so we ordered print books where possible".

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