



# Victory Lutheran College chooses Bitdefender mitigate digital risk across all infrastructure



## THE CHALLENGE

Like many education institutions, Victory Lutheran College (VLC) holds an enormous amount of information. Some information, particularly specific to students is highly sensitive, and most of it is critical for the school to function properly. ICT Support Manager, **David Hynd**, recognised that ongoing digital site protection was increasingly important for both the Victory Lutheran College and within the greater Lutheran Education system. With over 80% of devices brought by students as part of their BYOD program having no antivirus strategy, action was critical.

David calculated the challenge of implementing the right security solution by reviewing the risk factor metrics, namely, the added sophistication of intrusion methods and the increasing use of encryption based, denial of service ransomware. He coupled these factors with the growing frequency of malware attacks, an expanding network of both managed and unmanaged devices, and topped it off with the “X factor” – lack of human diligence!

It was quickly clear that unless risks were mitigated on everything from personal devices, connective network and core server technologies, the VLC were going to have to rely on probabilities, or luck.

*“ ...unless risks were mitigated quickly on everything from personal devices to core server technologies we were just relying on luck...”*



Victory Lutheran College was established in 1992 by the Wodonga Lutheran Parish, in partnership with parents, to promote individual growth and responsibility through a broad Range of learning experiences within a caring, Christ-centred environment.

In 2003, the original Primary School, now home to the Middle and Senior School, underwent extensive renovations. In addition, a Science building, Computer Lab, Music Centre, Trades Skills Centre and Multipurpose Hall have been added to assist with their rapidly growing student population.

Currently the College has a total enrolment of 680 students from Prep through to Year 12 and 80 staff.



## THE SOLUTION

“VLC has implemented a few solutions over the years searching for industry-leading risk management – at the right price-point, coupled with simple and effective administration. Products have had variations of these requirements but never all of them.

We had known for years Bitdefender had been a top-of-class product from an endpoint protection perspective but the administration systems had not yet matured. When testing their vastly overhauled Enterprise products in early 2015 we noted the claims of increased Server and Device performance was true. At around 15% better performance on average, compared to other similar products we tested, it really was the tipping point”.

## THE RESULT

“In June 2016, we completely switched all our infrastructure over to Bitdefender and are now simply compelled to share such a positive experience” says David.

“There have been instant, significant and sustained improvements with ease of installation, integration, use, management, confidence in protecting our digital assets and enhanced levels of protection” explains David, “It just ‘works”.

Bitdefender has also been mandated as the antivirus strategy across all BYOD student devices at school.

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