

Trinity Grammar School

STARTED USING CANVAS: 2014

SUPPORTING ACADEMIC AND ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE THROUGH TECHNOLOGY

QUICK FACTS . . .



BEST IB SCORES IN AUSTRALIA FOR 2014



1 OF ONLY 9 SCHOOLS ACCREDITED BY THE WORLD ACADEMY OF SPORT AS AN ATHLETE FRIENDLY EDUCATION CENTRE



-GRADE LEVEL-
K-12



-INITIATIVES-
1:1
AND BYOD



-ESTABLISHED IN-
1913



SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

2,200 
USERS

KEY FINDINGS . . .



Canvas has increased anytime, anywhere access and opened new possibilities for online-only courses. It offers a more intuitive learning experience for students and a better way for teachers to grade assignments and provide feedback.



Cloud-based Access Ease of Use Content Creation

THE CHALLENGE . . .

Trinity Grammar School is an Anglican, independent day and boarding school for boys located in Summer Hill, Sydney. In 2014, the school achieved the highest International Baccalaureate (IB) scores in Australia. Additionally, with seven Olympic athletes among its alumni, Trinity recently became the first school in Australia (and one of only nine worldwide) to receive accreditation from the World Academy of Sport as an Athlete Friendly Education Centre.

When Helen Bremner became Trinity's Head of eLearning in 2014, she identified the need for an LMS that could better support the school's 1:1 initiative for grades K-4, its BYOD programme for 5-12, and remote access for student athletes. Having used Canvas at her previous school, Bremner was eager to introduce it as a possible replacement for Trinity's existing platform, which served as little more than a file repository.

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Head of eLearning

THE DECISION . . .

In addition to seeking recommendations from other schools, Bremner relied on input from teachers, staff in Trinity's eLearning, IT, and Administration departments. They agreed the school needed a web-based learning platform that enabled anytime, anywhere access for students in the classroom, as well as for those traveling for athletic competitions. Additionally, they aimed to provide a more intuitive experience for students from kindergarten through year 12.

In the end, Bremner and her colleagues identified Canvas as the best option. "We chose Canvas in order to provide a virtual extension of the classroom and to put teaching and learning centre stage," Bremner says. "And the ongoing support they provide is second to none."

Beyond being won over by Canvas' superior availability, ease of use, and support services, Bremner was impressed by the variety of content enabled by the platform. "We have yet to find a file type that Canvas can't support," she says.

THE RESULT . . .

Trinity Grammar School officially rolled out Canvas to all teachers and students near the end of 2014. The school also enrolled all K-6 parents as observers, which enables them to keep track of student assignments, view grades, and communicate with teachers.

Bremner says the uptake of Canvas has been "significantly greater" than the previous LMS. Teachers' confidence and ability to use the technology has also increased. "Canvas has provided our teaching staff with an intuitive and user-centric launchpad from which to grow their use of technology in the classroom."

Trinity teachers have begun using Canvas for pioneering teaching methods, such as offering online-only courses, as well as eLearning courses that help staff and students get the most from available technology.

Teachers say the Canvas SpeedGrader tool helps them save time grading and makes it easy to provide feedback. They also appreciate the flexibility Canvas provides in allowing them to quickly and easily upload files and to create a variety of content for their courses, including pages, quizzes, and discussions.

"We have plans to extend the use of Canvas to our sporting teams and many other co-curricular groups," Bremner says. "In addition, we are using Canvas to support offsite learning at our purpose-built field studies centre."

As a world-class school accredited by the World Academy of Sport, Trinity now has the technology in place to support students in the classroom and on the field—and to build upon its reputation for excellence.