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Pridwin Preparatory Protects Students, Increases Remote Access for Staff

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Business Need

Founded in 1923, Pridwin Preparatory School is an elite boys' preparatory school in the Melrose area of Johannesburg, South Africa. While the school serves around 445 students, it deals with the same cybersecurity issues as larger schools, such as the need to improve access and simplify management while keeping students safe.

Pridwin originally used an IPCop Linux firewall and an HPE MSM Series wireless controller before switching to a SonicWall TZ Series. But while Pridwin was happy with SonicWall TZ series, the school wanted a more robust NGFW that would provide better network management and traffic visibility. At the same time, there was a need to offer staff secure remote work and remote access to the school network infrastructure.

Solution

To protect students and teachers from bad actors on the internet, Pridwin chose the SonicWall NSa 4600 with Advanced Gateway Security. The solution allows the inspection of encrypted traffic and uses multi-engine sandboxes to block malicious programs and files. Admins can also opt to enable continuous monitoring and blocking of dangerous, unproductive or inappropriate web content, and prevent the download and use of unendorsed apps on tablets and other mobile devices in real time.

The new solution has also improved remote access. Staff can easily establish a secure VPN connection to the school and work remotely on the school management system back end. With Cloud App Security and Capture Client Advanced, endpoints are secured from email threats, malicious websites, and ransomware and other malware — even when users are connecting via untrusted home and public networks.

Results

Pridwin chose SonicWall for protection, but it's also enjoying greatly improved visibility. With the new solution, management and reporting can be performed using a single pane of glass. According to Janus IT's administrator Greg Smith, this has resulted in an easy-to-manage school security solution representing the best in school safety.

"SonicWall's feature-rich products have secured our network from all types of threats, providing complete visibility from a single pane of glass. This has resulted in an easy-to-manage school security solution representing the best in school safety. "

Greg Smith
Senior Technician
Janus IT

Benefits

- Inspection of encrypted traffic
- Rollback remediation allows recovery from data loss
- Safeguarding of remote work and remote access to school data
- Content filtering

Solutions at a glance

- SonicWall NSa 4600 with Advanced Gateway Security
- SonicWall SMA Series
- SonicWave / SonicPoint
- Capture Client & Cloud App Security
- SonicWall Switches

CUSTOMER PROFILE

Company	Pridwin Preparatory School
Industry	Education
Country	South Africa
Staff/Students	500+
Website	www.pridwin.co.za

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CASE STUDY