



# Less paper, better processes, huge savings

## How switching to Chromebooks revolutionised a training organisation

Strategix Training Group is a nationally recognised registered training organisation (RTO), providing a wide range of training and qualification options. With a student-first approach, Strategix is committed to providing employment and life skills, via a modern, technology-driven framework.



### Challenge

With tens of thousands of students completing assessments on paper, Strategix educators and management were drowning in a pile of paperwork. "We had a cloud-based student management system, which kept track of enrolments, but our learning materials and assessments were all done on paper," says manager Calvin Young. "This meant printing and mailing materials, tracking completed assessments, filing them, and storing them – all on paper."



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Manager, Strategix Training Group

### Solution

Around 90% of Strategix students were completing assessments on paper, which was causing major issues, both in terms of tracking and storage. From a logistics point of view, Strategix wanted to slash the time they spent on paperwork and devote that time to student learning, training, and outcomes.

#### The switch from paper to electronic systems

Strategix also recognised their obligation as a national RTO to adhere to certain standards and keep paperwork safely stored, sometimes for up to 30 years. While Strategix knew they needed to go from paper to electronic systems, the right solution came from their IT hardware partner, The School Locker, who had been providing laptops to the RTO for many years. "We knew the BYOD function wouldn't work for the majority of our students," says Calvin. "The School Locker suggested Chromebooks as a viable solution and provided a range of demo models that we could trial. They also made recommendations for keeping the devices stored and charged."



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## Time spent teaching - not doing paperwork

### Solution deep dive

Transforming a national, paper-based system to an electronic one, across numerous campuses, was no small undertaking for Stratigix. "We needed a system that was intuitive," says Calvin, who wanted a system that all of their 11,000 students could use with ease.

#### **From paper and people-power, to a streamlined, electronic solution**

Life needed to be made easier for staff too, who wanted to devote their time to students, not paperwork. "Assessments and learning materials had to be picked up from our head office or couriered via air or road transport. There was often a lot of re-work needing to be done if the paperwork hadn't been completed accurately and this was really difficult with a paper based system."

Once we had the paperwork, it would be stored in filing cabinets, on or off-site. A considerable amount of people-power also went into scanning documents, which we started doing a couple of times a year, and by the end were doing daily. We needed a new system."



### What they wanted

Giving students access to Chromebooks and Google Workspace for Education would enable Stratigix to dedicate more time to achieving important learning outcomes. "We needed a system that was capable of streamlining our formal learning and assessment evidence collection process so that we could spend more time enhancing the learning experience for our students."

### What they did

- Over 12 months, Stratigix implemented the use of Chromebooks across all campus sites
- Through use of the Chrome Education Upgrade, Stratigix were able to securely and remotely manage and configure devices.
- Aiming to ensure Chromebook fluency quickly, a five-minute training video, for all staff and students, was created and rolled out
- Stratigix worked with IT hardware partner The School Locker to ensure every step of the implementation process adhered to their obligations as an RTO
- The educator adopted Google Workspace for Education, along with apps such as Calculator and Camera, which are used by students during their assessments. The camera function is particularly helpful to collecting valid, sufficient and authentic assessment evidence

### What they achieved

- More transparent communication, system-wide, between educators, students, and management
- Significant cost reductions, relating to paper, printing, waste, transport, storage and data-input
- A happier, healthier workplace, consisting of fewer piles of paper to tackle and a greater feeling of confidence and morale across teams





## Key Benefits

Trying to run a multi-campus, nationwide, state-of-the-art education facility was proving difficult for the dedicated staff and educators at Stratigix. Through the implementation of Chromebooks, Chrome Education Upgrade and Google Workspace for Education, the RTO was able to improve processes that benefited every student and staff member.

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### Reduction in costs

Stratigix's cost savings were evident across many departments. From physically storing or scanning paper documentation to storing all documents on a cloud service, immediately reduced considerable people-hours. As well as eradicating hefty storage costs, the RTO's paper and waste costs were also significantly slashed, as was transportation spend.

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### Notable increase in staff morale

The burden of chasing assessments and paperwork, and then filing or scanning the thousands of documents, lay heavily on educators and staff, says Calvin. This is a thing of the past with Google Workspace for Education and Google Drive. "A lot of the actual costs were hidden, because staff were doing so much. Now, trainers can focus more on student outcomes, and staff can be more efficient and accurate."

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### 90% increase in student access to technology

Going from just 10% of students, who chose to complete their assessments online, now the whole of Stratigix's student body use technology as part of their learning and assessment. This encourages not only greater, skill-led, learning outcomes, but an increase in tech-fluency, that each student will use, not only in their future employment, but beyond.

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### Expansion of technology-led initiatives

Stratigix is keen to be a leader in technology and innovation. To support this, they plan to move to Google Workspace for Education Plus. "The School Locker are introducing us to some virtual and augmented reality technologies, and we've already had the opportunity to demo some options," says Calvin. "For us, it's about coming up with the right implementation strategies that will enhance the learning experience."

### Get in touch



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