

Case Study

Mater Dei College



L7 Solutions' Strategic Planning Formulation (SPF) creates business value visibility for organisations by linking the support and facilitation role of IT to short, medium and long term overarching business objectives. The SPF follows a structured methodology to capture the organisation's IT department current state and design alignments with future business requirements. This results in a roadmap designed for the unique challenges and opportunities facing today's organisation.



About Mater Dei College

Mater Dei College is one of Perth's most prestigious co-educational Catholic secondary schools and offers a balanced and well rounded academic, cultural and social educational experience.

The Challenge

Enhancing the delivery of education to increase the student learning experience is a continuous and fundamental challenge facing many educational institutions. Mater Dei College saw this challenge as an opportunity to review how information technology could assist in delivering superior education to its students.

Mater Dei's IT services provided to staff, students and their parents had been sufficient to meet most of their technology needs. Mater Dei College recognised that by building on the experiences and expertise of the IT staff through a managed strategy, IT could offer more exciting, scalable and secure platforms for student and staff interaction. In order that this could be successfully achieved the College needed to develop an IT strategic plan that would assist in setting the priorities of IT initiatives and better position IT as a value-add provider to the College.

Mater Dei engaged L7 Solutions to undertake a review of its current IT capabilities and to provide a strategic roadmap and recommendations for the future.

The L7 Solution

The L7 engagement was conducted over a three week period and consisted of three distinct phases. The first phase reviewed the current state and determined the desired future state of the College organisation wide and from an IT perspective. Based on a staff survey, interviews and observations L7 Solutions collated information on IT, education strategy and Mater Dei College's objectives.

In the second phase L7 Solutions analysed the information from phase one and developed observations and recommendations on how to bridge the gap between existing capabilities and resources and the College's desired future state.

In the third and final phase L7 Solutions developed a strategy and roadmap for the future, including a set of defined and prioritised action items. The resulting report comprised a series of strategic, management and operational projects that formed an 18 month strategic roadmap.

As a result of the Strategic Review Mater Dei College is now equipped to evaluate, plan, prioritise and adequately support IT initiatives which are aligned with the College's objectives and with industry best practice.

The Benefits

- A clear view and understanding of the current requirements and capability of the existing IT resources
- Defined and prioritised future state on which to base IT initiatives
- An increase in awareness of IT and its value adding potential for the College
- IT projects are managed and reported on at an executive level
- Future options to manage the human resource requirements for IT delivery.

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"The report prepared by L7 Solutions will assist the College Executive in providing direction for the ongoing investment in IT infrastructure and services for the College community."

Susan Kinsella: Business Manager, Mater Dei College