

Latest ID card technology secures Queensland's largest private school

With a school population of the size of a small town securing a safe and efficient environment for students, teachers and staff was a top priority.

John Paul College is Queensland's largest private school of around 2,500 students from pre-school through to year twelve.

Campus security and access to restricted areas on the 30-hectare campus is a major administrative and security issue.

To ensure legitimate access, the College has employed the security features of cards printed by PPC's 310i ID card printer.

All staff and students in years seven to 12 have ID cards.

The only people that don't have ID cards are the parents picking up and dropping off their children and the primary school children.

PPC's 310i can print to cards that include a small chip or antennae containing a serial number to allow access to restricted areas such as the car park within the school grounds.

All staff have the Proximity RFID (Radio Frequency ID) on their cards which when swiped, provides access to the gated car park.

Parents of students with large, cumbersome instruments are also given access cards to facilitate dropping off their children with their instruments inside the school grounds.

This facility avoids the need to hire security guards at the gates.

The Proximity RFID feature is also added to the ID cards of students in at least the second year of the three-year sporting excellence program, Horizons Program.

Students in this program obtain after school access to the gym and other sporting facilities.

The local police and fire brigade also have these cards should they ever need to get through the



school's gates in an emergency.

PPC's 310i can include the features required to obtain student concessions on public transport including a photo and personal information such as name and date of birth.

Additional features include a barcode, used to borrow library books and 'medical alert' details; vital if a student is injured or sick at school.

Around 4,000 ID and security cards are printed every year including those to replace lost, damaged or stolen cards.

This large volume and the importance placed on the cards for security purposes, means that replacement cards need to be produced immediately, which the College can do through having the PPC's 310i onsite.

Head of Security at John Paul College, Shane Howard, has also been very

impressed with PPC's after sales support.

"PPC often sends notifications of upgrades and special offers on supplies amongst other things that we take advantage of when we know we're doing a big print run.

When we order more blank cards, we will receive them within 24 hours at the most, and the same applies to when maintenance is required.

All in all, an excellent service," said Mr Howard.

PPC is the leading provider of plastic card printers and issuance systems in Australia.

Clients include major corporations, government, health and educational institutions and large and small licensed clubs.

