Today, cloud-based technology has the potential to deliver enormous efficiencies, cost-savings and improved educational outcomes for K-12 Australian independent schools. Take a look at some of these specific areas in which a Microsoft Azure cloud solution can be of benefit.
**BACK-UP/DISASTER RECOVERY**

Floods, fires, break-ins and power-outages can be common events in schools. With cloud-based back-up and disaster recovery in place, your school remains archived and programmatically backed-up in the event of a disaster.

- **Business Manager**
  I can keep the school operational 24/7, and incident free.

- **IT Manager**
  I can augment the school’s existing investments in back-up and disaster recovery rather than investing in new, campus-specific solutions.

- **Student**
  No more losing work just before an assignment is due! If something happens, my files can be easily restored.

- **Teacher**
  I don’t have to worry about losing lesson plans or research if something happens to our network. It’s all safely backed-up.

**SECURITY**

A privacy or security breach of your school’s data could have extremely negative consequences. With a Microsoft Azure solution, you receive premium level security, as well as on-shore data storage. Insync can also provide multi-factor authentication, to take your security to the next level.

- **Business Manager**
  With Azure, I can leverage Microsoft’s vast security investment and commitment to data protection without huge financial outlay.

- **IT Manager**
  I can now confidently protect the school’s assets and data, and with Microsoft’s threat analytics, can stop security threats in their tracks.

- **Student**
  I have the peace of mind of knowing that my data is secure and protected, 24/7.

- **Teacher**
  I don’t have to worry about my data or information, or that of my students, getting into the wrong hands.

**OUTSOURCED MANAGEMENT**

A school’s IT infrastructure can be multi-faceted and complex. By moving your IT assets to Microsoft Azure and engaging Insync to manage your entire infrastructure (both on-premise and cloud-based), you can keep your critical systems up and running, uphold your school’s reputation and easily roll out new innovations without a huge outlay.

- **Business Manager**
  I’ve reduced my infrastructure spend while improving reliability and performance; reassigning budget to education outcome projects.

- **IT Manager**
  I’ve moved from worrying about keeping the lights on, to implementing new technology for student outcomes.

- **Student**
  I now have better and more reliable access to the school’s technology, wherever I am.

- **Teacher**
  I now have far superior access to technology and can use it for enhanced learning with students.
EASE OF USE
As a school, you have a huge number of users to provide for – including students, teachers, administration and management staff, as well as parents and carers. Thanks to Microsoft Azure’s Active Directory, all of these users receive a single sign-on, which significantly increases productivity as well as security.

- **Business Manager**
  I now have a single identity for all my school and corporate applications.

- **IT Manager**
  Managing access via individual users is no longer the burden it once was.

- **Student**
  I no longer need to remember passwords for 50 different programs and tools. Everything’s so streamlined.

- **Teacher**
  I can easily login to the school’s systems from anywhere – from the classroom, or even at home.

BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE
It’s becoming increasingly important to use data to drive insight and enable faster decision making. With a Microsoft Power BI solution, you can consolidate all of your school’s data into the one, central SQL databases, and then slice and cut the data to get the insights you need.

- **Business Manager**
  I can now easily get the information I need to make faster, smarter decisions that will benefit the school as a whole.

- **IT Manager**
  Bringing together disparate data and information for analysis is now longer a time-consuming burden: everything is automated.

FIND OUT MORE
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