Trinity College eliminates malware and gets a solution that supports future growth



Malware remediation

recouped 4 hours/week



Peace of mind

that everything is running smoothly



Full visibility

across
1,800 endpoints

Located in the suburbs of beautiful Adelaide, Australia, Trinity College has created a modern inclusive school with state-of-the-art facilities that serve 4,200 students from Preschool through Year 12. First established in 1984 in a single building, today the College has grown to five schools across three locations.

With a strong belief that thoughtful integration of current technologies empowers students to explore and attempt new challenges, the college features an innovation creativity school where students get hands-on experience with robotics, 3D printing, graphic design, green rooms, podcasting, and more. As an institution committed to quality and invested in innovation, Trinity College places a high priority on its endpoint security to provide students and staff with a safe, secure learning experience.

Overview

Customer:

Trinity College

Industry:

Education

Displaced Product:

Windows Defender

Solution:

Malwarebytes Education Site License, including:

- Malwarebytes Endpoint Detection and Response
- Malwarebytes Endpoint Detection and Response for Servers



Malwarebytes catches malware and deals with it straightaway. Done and dusted. It has given us back 20% of our work week by not having to restore infected machines, and our vendor experience is exceptional.

- Andrew Larner, Director of IT Trinity College

Challenges



Malware sneaking into the school

Trinity College was using Windows Defender to protect its nearly 1,800 endpoints from virus infections; yet, the College began experiencing an increase in sophisticated malware attacks that were going undetected and reaching student and staff machines. As the volume of cyberattacks grew, frustrations increased and productivity slowed while end users waited for the school's Information Communication and Technology (ICT) team to reimage and restore the impacted machines.

"Malware attacks were getting more prevalent and sophisticated, reaching a point where 20% of the work week was consumed with remediating and restoring machines," said Andrew Larner, Director of ICT at Trinity College. "The time required to reimage a machine also meant hours of downtime for a student or staff member, so it was imperative for us to work quickly and get those devices restored and returned as fast as we could," added Larner.

1,800 endpoints



Solution

On a mission to advance the College's protection against malware and other endpoint threats, Larner kicked off a multi-vendor evaluation for a new endpoint security solution. He and his ICT team members all had previous experience using Malwarebytes and knew it to be a reputable company, so Malwarebytes was placed on the vendor consideration short list along with three other vendors.



Top marks against all evaluation requirements

The team conducted a proof of concept with a keen eye on how each product and vendor would fare against their top set of requirements: lightweight agent, ease of management, stellar vendor support, cost effectiveness, and flexibility to grow along with the school's growth.

Against these criteria, Malwarebytes stood out as the product that took top marks. "Malwarebytes is a market leader and impressed us in meeting all our requirements. Not only is it cost effective, but it's also lightweight and easy to manage," said Larner, adding "The product itself is easy to install, and once it's on the machine, there isn't any degradation or slowness of the devices. This is important because we don't want our users to experience any latency."

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A flexible solution for the school's growth

Trinity College is in an exciting expansion phase with an additional school planned to open in 2024. Preparing for this growth also played a key role in the selection criteria knowing that endpoint protection is an essential aspect of the new school's readiness and launch.

"One of the most important things in our consideration was the product's ability to grow with us because we're still growing. The Malwarebytes Site License makes that really fluid for us. We can ring up and say we want an additional 100 or 500 users, and we don't need to go through any uninstallation of programs. It's quite simple and straightforward for us," said Larner.

Ease of use

with cloud console and a great user experience

High quality, proactive support

that provides expert guidance

How Malwarebytes Solved the Problem



Zero infections gives back four productive hours per week

Since rolling out Malwarebytes two years ago to its 1,800 endpoints and two servers, Trinity College hasn't experienced a single malware infection, which has been a big productivity victory for the ICT team, as well as the students and staff. The ICT team has recouped four hours per week to focus on more strategic initiatives.

"My team of 12 supports 5,000 users, so they're always going full speed. Malwarebytes immediately stopped our endpoint infections issue, so now the team doesn't have to worry about cleaning up and restoring user machines anymore. That took a big weight off their shoulders," said Larner.



Simple to manage, everything at your fingertips

During the evaluation, the ICT team was taken by how easy the Malwarebytes product is to manage. Larner can train up any team member to be comfortably savvy in using Malwarebytes within an hour, and the product's cloud-based console gives the team a central view to easily see the status and health of all the machines. "The Malwarebytes console is really informative, and it's extremely fast and responsive. Anything we want to see or do, it's instantaneous," said Larner.



Extend use at home—make parents happy too

The school's commitment for enabling high quality endpoint protection extends to students' private machines and devices as well. Trinity College wanted to ensure that students maintained a safe, secure technology experience as they traverse from their school to home equipment, and Malwarebytes made that an easy goal to meet.

"In addition to its business products, Malwarebytes provides endpoint protection for home users, which makes it simple to protect our students' home machines. I have a lot of parents who comment about how grateful they are that we provide that free of charge to our students," said Larner.



Stellar vendor experience

From the initial evaluation of Malwarebytes' Support to the ongoing monthly sync meetings, Trinity College has appreciated the exceptional vendor-customer relationship it receives—one that's proactive and keeps the ICT team informed on the status of any outstanding questions, as well as future roadmap plans.

"We get great support from our Malwarebytes Account Managers and the Support Team. It has been a huge effort on their behalf, and that gives us peace of mind operationally to know they're looking out for us," said Larner.

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