

Organization at a Glance

Brighton Grammar School
(brightongrammar.vic.edu.au)

Brighton Grammar is an Anglican all-boys private school in Melbourne established in 1882. Brighton Grammar is a learning community passionate about developing, inspiring, and guiding a boy on his journey to adulthood. Through significant and ongoing investment in facilities, staff, and new teaching techniques, the school has been able to constantly adapt to an ever-changing world to ensure that their students have the skills and self-belief to meet the demands society places on men.

Challenges

- Despite investments in world-class cybersecurity, the school remained unable to centralize data, leading to obscured visibility into IT environment
- The internal IT team could not monitor and respond to every alert 24x7, as well as provide all the proactive cybersecurity initiatives
- Ever growing cybersecurity threats in the education sector targeting the valuable data of students, staff, parents, and alumni

Results

- 24x7 security monitoring, detection, and response through Arctic Wolf® Managed Detection and Response
- Dedicated security concierge staff that provides cyber security notifications and advice

Arctic Wolf's 24x7 Monitoring, Detection, and Response Keeps Brighton Grammar Safe From Threats



"Arctic Wolf is perfect in a busy world."

— Sandra Maher, Director of ICT, Brighton Grammar

Brighton Grammar School, an all-boys private Anglican day school in Melbourne, has three goals when it comes to cybersecurity: ensuring both students and teachers have high functioning education tools and an uninterrupted learning environment, that the data of their students, staff, parents, and alumni are secure, and that all potential cyber threats are strongly defended against.

None of those goals are easy to achieve, especially for schools, as the students on their network are children who lack the cybersecurity awareness of adults. While the school has support from their school board and has made a large investment in leading-edge technology and security solutions, Director of ICT Sandra Maher still found herself concerned about their after hours security posture when the team were not in front of their dashboards and alerts, as well as the impacts of a potential breach.

"Parents rightly expect that they can trust us with their own and their children's data, as do our staff," Maher said. "A breach is not a situation we want to experience. You can't get back lost trust; it can be very damaging. We work exceptionally hard to ensure we maintain trust and high standards for our community."

The education sector is a target for threat actors due to the vast amounts of information schools necessarily must store, and in many cases with schools, the lack of cybersecurity preparedness. In the past few years, there have been several attacks on independent schools in Melbourne, and during these breaches, students' and parents' data was exfiltrated during the attack.

Maher knew that to further cement the school's cybersecurity defenses, they needed some form of ongoing 24x7 protection that combined action with expertise to supplement their internal team who work standard business hours. Arctic Wolf® was the perfect partner.