

A message from the General Manager

The Australian Council for Educational Research is predicting a surge of school enrolments of 26% by 2022. This is not surprising given Australia's population growth, but it presents unique challenges and opportunities for all schools and for software suppliers like SchoolPRO.

Improved efficiencies in school administration processes will continue to be important and to this extent our new partnership with Consent2Go will further assist schools in the area of excursion management. Fully integrated with SchoolPRO, details of the Consent2Go app are contained in this newsletter. To access a special introductory offer for a combined Consent2Go and SchoolPRO solution, please contact me.

Finally, I am continually drawn to the importance of SMS as a communications tool. Interestingly, research from just two years ago predicted the decline of SMS, which would be overtaken by a never-ending stream from social media apps. To the contrary, now in an era of 'death by email', we are seeing a strong resurgence in the impact of using SMS. Importantly, the average open rate of SMS is 94% within the first three minutes. This has huge implications for the effectiveness of your message. - **Gary Stoneham, General Manager**



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Welcome to the SchoolPRO Community

We would like to welcome a collection of new schools to the SchoolPRO community. The following schools from **Tasmania, Victoria** and **South Australia** have all made the decision to implement our software:



Geneva Christian College
LaTrobe, Tasmania



Beis Efraim College
Ormond, Victoria



Dandenong Ranges Steiner School
Emerald, Victoria



Kings College
Warrnambool, Victoria



Tuitionworks
Hindmarsh, South Australia

Of note is new user, **Tuitionworks**—a leading coaching college known for inspiring and nurturing academic excellence. This highlights the flexibility of SchoolPRO to be deployed in settings that are not just traditional school environments.



Online Enrolments Coming Soon

SchoolPRO, in collaboration with Digistorm, has worked together to develop an effective integration with Digistorm's popular 'ENROL' app. This enhancement will offer an effective online enrolment system for parents and a simple, efficient process for importing these details into SchoolPRO.

Want to know more about ENROL and its connection with SchoolPRO, contact Gary Stoneham.

Consent2Go



Integrated Solution for Compliance, Care and Excursions for your School

SchoolPRO has partnered with compliance and excursion management software provider Consent2Go.

Given the enormity of work surrounding risk management in schools to ensure the safety of students and staff, Consent2Go provides a solution that addresses this important need.

Understanding the importance of workflows, we are pleased to confirm that SchoolPRO now integrates with Consent2Go, with ongoing improvements planned.

Consent2Go is a powerful compliance management tool for schools. It is easy-to-use with a user-friendly workflow that saves time and effort for staff and for parents.



About Consent2Go

Consent2Go brings together an integrated suite of services to assist and support schools in planning and conducting all types of events and excursions. Governed by a Board of Directors, company leaders believe their product can significantly improve school and parent communication through the use and sharing of electronic information.

Features

✓ Proposal & Planning

A complete workflow to assist schools to achieve a consistent and compliant excursion management and approval process.

✓ Excursion Management

Excursion management made easy, paperless communication with parents for incursions, excursions, carnivals, camps and tours.

✓ School Sports

Sports management including registration, team communication, fixtures and results. With parent notification of their child's sporting events.

✓ Student Timeline

Schools and parents have a complete record of the students' activities and events. This can include term reports, community service etc

✓ Health Record

A student and teacher health record, including detailed care and contact information that is also available during activities and excursions.

At a Glance

- › Compliance with Privacy, Record Keeping, etc.
- › Workflow, that ensures compliance with school policies
- › Integrated risk management for all activities
- › Integrated modules that have full APIs for data integration
- › Accurate care information entered directly by parents
- › Any type of event, incursion, excursion, camp, tour etc.
- › Secure electronic access to information during excursions
- › Process payments from parents, directly to school



SchoolPRO



Looking to Improve Your School's Communication with Parents and Students?

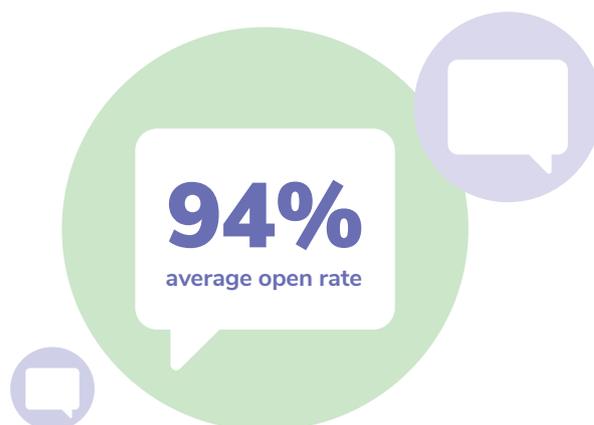
If So, SchoolPRO SMS is Your Answer

SMS messages have an **average open rate of 94%**, 90% of which occur in the first three minutes. It's true! Also, unlike online services such as email, apps or social media, SMS doesn't require internet connectivity or a smartphone to work. Every single commercial mobile developed since 1995 is naturally SMS-capable.

This makes SchoolPRO SMS – **which is accessible directly through the SchoolPRO platform** – an incredibly powerful way of communicating urgent, important or extraordinary school news to parents and students.

Connect with Parents Via SMS

- › Parent teacher interviews reminders
- › Exam dates
- › Camps & excursions
- › School reports published on SchoolPRO Parent Portal
- › School working bees
- › Fundraising activities
- › School concerts
- › Emergency school lockdowns
- › Camp bus running late



With a variety of template options, personalisation functionality and a competitive tiered pricing structure available, SchoolPRO SMS is the school communication channel you can't afford to ignore. Find out more about how your school can benefit:

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An Active SchoolPRO Voice, Christian Townsend

If you have ever received support or assistance with SchoolPRO, chances are you have already spoken with Christian Townsend. Christian may be young, but he is already a SchoolPRO veteran—he joined the team over 4.5 years ago. A professional at multitasking, he manages to assist our users while studying a Bachelor of Software Engineering from The University of Canberra.

This ACT local has a passion for elegant solutions, with the vision to help make every SchoolPRO user's workflow more efficient. With a customer base spanning across the country, Christian is adept at long distance communications and an expert at delivering remote support and training.

"Overcoming difficult challenges maintains my motivation for continuing to provide excellent support and consultation," he tells us.

Christian has a wide variety of interests, which means he can not only tell you a thing or two about SchoolPRO, but also sports, music, gaming and travel. Born and raised in Canberra, he could probably talk politics too (however strictly outside of business hours!).

We are so lucky to have such an enthusiastic member on the team. Christian will be providing his Top Tips in our regular SchoolPRO updates, so be sure to let us know if you have any suggestions for topics.



Christian Townsend

Christian's Top Tip!

If you are in a specific module, you are limited to view only tabs from within that module. If you would like to have all tabs visible (from different modules), simply navigate to the General Module. Once you are here, you can see all the tabs you currently have open from all modules in SchoolPRO.



Be Prepared for the Reporting Period

SchoolPRO Report Card Module users, help us help you!

For schools using the student reporting & assessment module of SchoolPRO we encourage all schools to review and advise us off any report format changes ahead of what is always a busy and resource hungry time.

To avoid disappointment, we would ask you provide a hard copy sample template of what you require and allow a lead time of two weeks for changes to be made available.

Variations to report templates do fall outside our normal service & support program, with changes being billable at prevailing rates.



Of Interest

France Bans Smartphones and Devices in the Classroom

With the growing use of technology in the classroom, France has recently done a 180 degree turnaround and banned all smartphones, tablets and smartwatches in school. According to Education Minister Jean-Michel Blanquer, "the ban is a matter of public health because children are not playing during breaks anymore."

What's your view on the topic? Let Gary know below.

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