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Why did we choose eTAP?

eTAP solved many problems that we were having with school wide communication for administration and teaching needs. We have seven remote satellite classrooms on four sites in South Auckland that are administered by our base School in Otahuhu. To make communication and information resources available to these teachers and for teachers to get these same resources at home the assessment / administrative / communication SMS package had to be web based.

The previous package we were trying to use was unworkable with remote sites. Data loss and reliability was a major problem.

How has eTAP helped us?

We have been using eTAP for about 4 years:

- All teachers are fluent in its use and most use it at home at all times of the day. It is easy to use once taught how to get around the menus and use the features (about 10 mins).
- All data is stored and backed up by eTAP - I have no sleepless nights wondering if backup worked or "Did I leave the soldering iron on ???".
- No important data is moved around using floppies as the previous software used!

Things we like about eTAP

Teachers and admin staff can access all the eTAP information from any internet connected computer of any OS.

- All Individual Education Plans (IEPs) for every pupil is editable and entered by teachers.
- Student reports are generated with the input from Teachers, Specialist, Therapists, reviewed and commented by DPs before printing.
- Guidance : Individual Weekly reports, Incident reports, Anecdotal notes, Assistance Diaries
- Staff Admin : Supervision report by DPs on staff.
- Filestore; important school documents, template, plans, etc available on line.
- School-wide notice board for daily notices.

All the above are available to all school staff anywhere, anytime. We can also give outside agencies (GSE, MOE, Police etc) secure, limited access, if they really need access, to some or all student records or reports.

eTAP customer support

Sharon is our first stop for any suggestions or problems we may have with eTAP. 98% of all enquires are usually fixed there and then, often in real time while I'm still thinking about it. Any modifications or additions, if possible, usually appear overnight. Miracles take about a week! Sharon's a gem!!



Tim Snape

ICT/Woodwork

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Using eTAP at MT Richmond

I look after the computer network at Mt Richmond. We have around 80 PC and 8 RiscOS computers in the school situated in 8 classrooms and administration at the base school in Otahuhu and 9 satellite classes around south Auckland.

Our communication and administration tasks are internet based using eTAP to enable school information and admin to be available at Satellite classes and at home.

All classroom Teachers have access to laptops, laser colour printers and digital cameras. Pupils are able to access the internet in a safe environment. For some pupils the internet has really enhanced their learning. Computer software tools such as SuccessMaker are used and have been a huge success with some pupils.

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