

Colegio Mirasur Secures Student “Digital Backpacks” with AirWatch-managed Tablets

The Mission

Colegio Mirasur strives to improve the traditional classroom learning experience for its more than 1,000 students. Due to its diverse student body, the school wants each child to take the lead in developing his or her own learning process to best comprehend classroom material. The goal of Colegio Mirasur is to help students develop skills, such as creativity, critical thinking and collaboration, while understanding the technology they are likely to encounter once they graduate.

Colegio Mirasur decided to provide students with mobile devices, or “digital backpacks”, to enhance learning while keeping students safe online. To achieve this initiative, the school began searching for an enterprise mobility management provider that could secure mobile devices within an educational environment. In addition to device management and security, the school considered content and application support crucial components of their ideal solution for students. Overall, Colegio Mirasur wanted to equip students with the educational resources to fully prepare them to be successful in their adult lives.

The Results

After careful research, Colegio Mirasur selected AirWatch[®] by VMware[®] to secure its mobile devices and enhance student learning. Currently, the school deploys 700 iPads to students and permits them to enroll these devices into AirWatch using student passwords. “The integration of AirWatch didn’t take us more than a week,” said Gonzalo Romero, innovation manager at Colegio Mirasur. “Students enrolled themselves, and it was truly a seamless experience.” As part of the students’ “digital backpack”, they each receive a customized selection of applications available through AirWatch[®] Catalog, appropriately named App Mirasur. AirWatch Catalog enables students to download applications based on their grade level, courses and subjects, bringing relevant educational resources right to their fingertips.

Since safety is a top priority for Colegio Mirasur, the school uses AirWatch[®] Browser to ensure parental controls and safe navigation functionality are present on all student mobile devices. Through AirWatch Browser, IT administrators can also monitor browsing activity to keep students safe online. To facilitate a consistent learning process across the school, Colegio



Solution Overview

- Client: Colegio Mirasur
- Industry: Education
- Geography: Spain
- Features: MDM, MAM, MCM, MBM
- Devices: 500–1000



Mirasur distributes important files and books to students electronically with AirWatch[®] Content Locker. Content management has allowed teaching staff to spend more time helping students complete classroom objectives than handing out course materials.

With AirWatch, Colegio Mirasur have also seen dramatic improvements in IT administrative effectiveness. "AirWatch has reinvented the way we manage and deploy mobile devices, saving over 90 percent of time spent by IT staff," said Romero. "That time can now be used to facilitate and support the teachers on-site and help them develop other technical skills."

"The most important goal we have achieved through the use of mobile devices has been to make students leaders in their own learning. Students are transformed from mere consumers of information and content into creators," said Pedro Sampedro, president, Colegio Mirasur. "We encourage creativity and proactive work to help students go beyond academic objectives and become better prepared to make their way in today's globalized world."

What's Next

Colegio Mirasur forecasts a 30 percent increase in its mobile device fleet by the end of 2016 along with the deployment of more mobility management solutions, such as AirWatch[®] Teacher Tools, the AirWatch education-focused solution. The school hopes to continue providing students with a wide variety of learning resources to prepare them for their future careers.

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