



Client Story

Orere School Makes the Jump to the Cloud with New Era IT



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As New Era IT's first primary school to move exclusively to public cloud services, Orere Point is now a lighthouse school for the Schools' Cloud Transformation Project.

Over the term break, the rural school's ICT services were migrated to Microsoft Office 365 and Azure, and ageing school devices were replaced with new Windows 10 desktops and tablets, specified for classroom environments. After a term in the cloud, Principal Kerry Forse is excited about the progress. "We've been on the cloud for 10 weeks, and we've not had one issue. There's been nothing. The internet has been stable, we've changed our Student Management System to a better system and we're now using NZCER for assessment so the children are now doing online assessments."

So has the cloud made a big difference for the students? "Yep, heaps." Says Jese, a year 8 student from room one.

Working locally on the old computers was frustrating. "It was very complicated. Before you had to go on the same computer to get that document. So you'd have to work in groups because all the work would be saved on that one computer." Office 365 has opened up the possibilities. "This is just all in the browser, you can access it from home. I could probably access it from the other side of the world if I wanted to. It's way easier than before." Integrating e-Learning is balanced with a face-to-face approach. "My teacher said he didn't want us to be like other schools where they don't interact with the teacher so we try to keep an even balance between 'computer life' and interacting with the teacher."

Targeting students needs is a benefit of the new platform says, Kerry. "Now we can fine tune what teachers are

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Robotics, programming and further development of e-Learning are all on the horizon, but for now, the sky's are looking clearer at Orere Point.