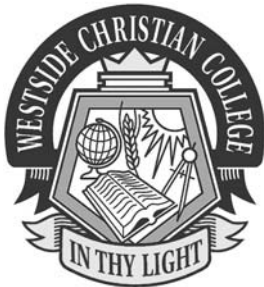


# MicrOpay Meridian receives top marks at Westside Christian College

New payroll solution automates payroll processes and simplifies payroll management

"We are extremely satisfied with the levels of support we have received from Sage MicrOpay. As we are a School, Sage MicrOpay has been particularly knowledgeable and attentive to our unique and complex payroll needs. I highly recommend the MicrOpay Meridian product to other schools and organisations," Elizabeth Bowers, Payroll/Accounting Officer, Westside Christian College, said.

Like most schools, Westside Christian College's payroll is made up of a complex assortment of permanent full-time and part-time employees, as well as a large number of temps and contracted staff. Adding an extra layer of difficulty to school payroll management is the teacher's award wage classification, which is highly complex.



Westside Christian College has grown dramatically over the past two years and now has approximately 150 employees. The School expects its staff numbers will further increase in the near future. As a result of this growth, the Queensland School faced an increasingly intricate payroll environment. Westside required a solution that would support the expansion of the organisation and make payroll and superannuation processing a more efficient and streamlined process.

It also needed a product that was easy to use and provided comprehensive reporting and analysis. Affordability and a rapid return on investment was also a key consideration.

Westside had been using MicrOpay's Payroll Manager since February 2003. While the School was happy with the software, it no longer provided the flexibility they required. The School decided to change systems in September 2005 and was pleased that Sage MicrOpay had a solution that suited its needs.

## Westside Christian College deploys MicrOpay Meridian

Westside replaced its existing system with Sage MicrOpay's latest product, MicrOpay Meridian. Straightforward to install, Meridian provides advanced payroll functionality with comprehensive and configurable security.

"We enjoy the peace of mind knowing that our data remains secure, as not only do we do regular back ups but our IT department also backs up as part of a daily routine. Westside's migration to MicrOpay Meridian was quick and seamless. The School's IT administrator installed the software in 45 minutes and had successfully migrated the older system within a further 45 minutes," said Elizabeth Bowers.

Sage MicrOpay provided Westside payroll staff with comprehensive training sessions to ensure they understood how to maximise the product's capabilities. MicrOpay Meridian's advanced reporting functionality provides Westside with significant time and cost savings.

"We are able to electronically store so much more employee information in the Meridian payroll system rather than in paper files. We can access their details now at the touch of a button," said Elizabeth.

"The more detailed reports that MicrOpay Meridian produces are a tremendous advantage to our accounting team at the end of each month, not to mention how much more legible the reports are to read."



Meridian software also enables Westside to pay employee superannuation directly to their superannuation companies via electronic transfer, a function the old payroll software did not offer. Westside payroll staff previously had to write and send cheques to the superannuation companies each month.

As a result of the MicrOpay Meridian implementation, all of Westside's manual payroll processes are automated, providing more efficient processing and eliminating human error.

With its broad range of products, continuous development philosophy, specialist expertise in payroll management and long-term commitment to its clients, Sage MicrOpay has become the provider of choice for more than 180 Australian schools, colleges and other education institutions.

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