



Edith Cowan University Simplifies Multi-Campus Network With Nortel

Nortel Technology Delivers Higher Bandwidth, Better Security, Easier Management

Perth's Edith Cowan University (ECU) is replacing its aging data network infrastructure with new technology from Nortel* [NYSE/TSX: NT] that increases bandwidth, improves network security and simplifies management across multiple campuses.

The upgrade of 250 Nortel switches will deliver Gigabit speeds to the desktop, a prerequisite for real-time multimedia communications such as video conferencing and unified communications. It will also provide better security access management to control the thousands of hyperconnected wired and wireless devices and simplify management of the entire multi-campus network from a central console.

This is the second phase of ECU's five-year, multi-million dollar network upgrade project, which began in 2006 when the University appointed Nortel as its preferred network technology supplier. It provides another example of how Nortel is transforming the educational environment with innovations in unified communications, advanced security and wireless mobility designed to enhance collaboration and enrich the learning experience. "A couple of years ago we made the decision to replace our entire data network infrastructure to provide students and teachers with better, faster network services and on-campus connectivity," said Steve Johnston, manager, IT Infrastructure, ECU. "The added capacity will be essential once we introduce higher-speed, real-time services like video conferencing and unified communications. We chose Nortel as our preferred supplier because they offered us the smoothest and most cost-effective upgrade path to new technology."

"Hyperconnectivity wasn't on the radar two years ago but today it's one of the biggest trends affecting major network centres like universities, where anything that can benefit from being connected to a network is connected," said Mark Stevens, managing director, Australia and New Zealand, Nortel. "This is where Nortel's end-to-end network design is so important, because it gives large organisations like ECU a simple upgrade path to technology that helps them face the hyperconnectivity challenge head-on, complete with the tools they need to manage the entire network centrally with minimal additional resources."

The network edge upgrade includes 250 Nortel Ethernet Routing Switch (ERS) 5500s, connected to Nortel ERS 8600s in the network core. ECU will ultimately adopt 1 Gigabit links to the desktop with new and enhanced security and network access mechanisms using Nortel's Secure Network Access Switch, Switched Firewall and SSL switches. Servers will be load-balanced across the main campuses using Nortel Application Switches, with remote access via Nortel VPN Routers.

Nortel Education Solutions for colleges, universities and other institutions of higher education provide secure access to campus resources and enhanced student, faculty and staff interaction using advanced multimedia applications delivered over converged IP networks. Recent education wins for Nortel in Asia include RMIT University, Macquarie University, VERNET and the University of Western Sydney in Australia, the University of Tsukuba in Japan and the China University of Petroleum.

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