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Northgate State School chooses new Epson EB-595Wi finger touch-enabled interactive projectors

SYDNEY, 19 September 2014 – Northgate State School was the first school in Queensland to have all teachers complete their Information and Communications Technology (ICT) certification. As a result the smartboards housed in all the school's classrooms were no longer considered as a dependable resource for learning and a better alternative was sought. The alternative that was found was the new Epson EB-595Wi finger touch-enabled interactive projector.

Northgate State School Principal Carol Scriven explained, "We needed projectors that were affordable and reliable and that the students and staff could use with relative ease. Clarity of images was also very important as was the dual capacity of touchscreen and pen usage. Finally a multi-user capability was paramount. So we did our research and the EB-595Wi was assessed to be the ideal projector for our needs."

Scriven and her team researched all the options available to them studying each as to how closely they matched the school's unique requirements.

She added, "The EB-595Wi ticks a lot of boxes. It has dual capacity of usage for students and staff, a very high quality of the imagery, can be used with any



whiteboard and has excellent interactive functions. In addition the size of images can be large without distorting, we can easily and wirelessly connect students' work to multiple screens and the price of replacement bulbs is very low. All of that combined with the excellent reputation of Epson interactive projectors at other schools made our decision to purchase the EB-595Wi a very compelling one."

Northgate State School conducted six months of research into the benefits of projectors over smartboards. Prior to the launch of the EB-595Wi Carol Scriven saw pros and cons in both.

She continued, "We'd had good experiences with previous Epson projectors and with smartboards although neither fully met all of our requirements. The new EB-595Wi however exceeded our expectations both in terms of capability and affordability."

All Northgate State School teaching staff use the new EB-595Wi projectors to implement the Australian curriculum. As is regular practice in many schools part of the education process also involves research using the Internet and access to external websites and social media such as You Tube.

Carol Scriven added, "We use the EB-595Wi projectors and their wireless connectivity with iPads and Android tablets as they give us the ability to view and compare at least four pieces of student work simultaneously. We can also easily annotate and save each piece of work in order to continue from where the class left off in future lessons. Thus the EB-595Wi presents us with great review opportunities and clearly demonstrates the distance travelled in learning. This will be further enhanced in the near future as our school is one of the first to be connected to the NBN in Queensland."



Northgate State School's projectors have been installed in all classrooms giving the school a common platform for use in all teaching spaces and the opportunity for the staff to learn and share resources and practices as a team.

Carol Scriven concluded, "It's early days with our new EB-595Wi projectors but so far we are really enjoying the capacity to go from finger touch to pen touch to whiteboard and to the Internet in such easy steps. Students from prep through to Year 7 are very engaged and motivated by their opportunity to be more interactive than they ever were able to be previously."

For more information on the new Epson EB-595Wi finger touch-enabled interactive projector go to:

<http://www.epson.com.au/products/projector/EB-595Wi.asp>

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The new Epson EB-595Wi finger touch-enabled interactive projector in use at Northgate State School

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