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## **School provides businesses with a lesson in Allegro broadband application**

Matthew Flinders Anglican College has quickly capitalised on the Sunshine Coast's new high speed fibre network, developing a self-contained, fully managed online environment that will be rolled out over the coming months.

The system will enable Flinders students to communicate and collaborate with each other on school projects with the potential to collaborate more broadly with other students and schools throughout the world.

Allegro Networks' high speed broadband service, with its capability for download speeds of up to 100mps, has opened up all sorts of educational possibilities for Flinders, enabling the development of the "My Flinders" online environment to support and enhance teaching and learning as the college implements a 1 to 1 Laptop Program in 2011.

The site is capable of hosting in excess of 1000 individual laptop users simultaneously.

Students can interact, share knowledge, and learn in a safe, contained online environment, courtesy of the Connecting the Coast project, and the new high-speed, fibre-driven link it has provided to the outside world.

"The new technology has opened up all sorts of possibilities for the College and its students and staff," Matthew Flinders Chief Operations Manager, Mr Anton Sanker, said.

"The fibre link, our 1-1 Laptop Program, the educational technology spilling over to the social aspects - in unison they're adding to the technological and educational experiences of the students," Mr Sanker said.

"Specifically, the College-driven online environment enables our students to get away from the outside world and interact online in a safe and controlled environment.

"This technology is great for the College and the wider Sunshine Coast region."

David Waldie, the Managing Director of Allegro Networks, who in partnership with Silcar Communications built the 30km fibre network on behalf of project partners, the Federal Government and Sunshine Coast Regional Council, said a whole range of businesses – not just schools – stood to benefit from access to the higher speed, more affordable broadband service.

“As Matthew Flinders has demonstrated, imagination is the limit,” Mr Waldie said.

“By investing in technology, businesses are investing in their long term viability.”

With the completion of the fibre network, and activation of seven wireless base stations, Allegro has become the largest telecommunications infrastructure carrier on the coast, behind Telstra.

“Over the past 24 months, Allegro has demonstrated an ability to deliver complex projects on time, and on budget, in the process, making life easier for schools, businesses and communities on the Sunny Coast, south to Caloundra, and north to Noosa and Cooroy,” Waldie said.

Councilor Lew Brennan, who is responsible for Economic Development at the Sunshine Coast Council, said: “We embarked on this project with Allegro to deliver better broadband to the Sunshine Coast, at prices you can get in the metropolitan cities. It is great to see this project roll out through the Sunshine Coast.”

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