Wavelink announces winners of Meru Networks' Winter of Wireless K-12 school promotion

The Lakes College and Sacred Heart School win a share of $25,000 in wireless LAN technology

October 24, 2011 – Wavelink, a value added distributor of business IP, wireless, communication and network security and access solutions, has announced that Sacred Heart School in Melbourne and The Lakes College in Brisbane have won a share of $25,000 in wireless technology in Meru Networks' Winter of Wireless K-12 school promotion.

Ilan Rubin, managing director, Wavelink, said, "As the Australian distributor for Meru Networks, Wavelink is delighted to assist the two winning schools accelerate their wireless performance. While the original promotion was for one winner, the quality of responses and genuine need of the schools prompted Wavelink to award two wireless networks.

"Mobile computing initiatives are changing the way children learn in K-12 environments. Laptop carts, video learning and one-to-one computing programs have combined with small IT teams and shrinking budgets to drive the need for high density, simple to manage and intelligent wireless networks.

"Wavelink will work with The Lakes College and Sacred Heart School to ensure that the wireless networks we provide are tailored to meet the individual requirements of each school and deliver a wireless solution that simply works, letting teachers focus on teaching instead of dealing with IT issues."

David Kleinschmidt, IT manager, The Lakes College, said, "The Lakes College prides itself on offering a high level of education for all students. The ongoing funding challenges of a new school mean that keeping up with the latest technology developments can be difficult.

"Winning the Meru Networks' Winter of Wireless K-12 school promotion means that The Lakes College can now provide high quality wireless to all senior students on the 1:1 laptop program to effectively deliver learning and education programs, assessments and electronic textbooks without the high incidence of drop outs the students experience on the current network.

"The implementation will also mean improved connectivity for the whole school through the ability to add access points (AP's) to the library and the languages classroom, enhancing learning for the whole school."

Jan Hendry, Deputy Principal, Sacred Heart School, said, "At Sacred Heart School students use ICT equipment every day and all staff rely on the network coverage and internet speed for day-to-day teaching and administration. Technology in education is moving so fast, and having wireless access is critical to providing a flexible learning environment.

"Winning the Meru Networks' Winter of Wireless K-12 school promotion means that Sacred Heart School can improve the speed and coverage of its existing network, which means students' can increase their capabilities, knowledge and skills without being constrained to the current setup of the school."

"In addition Sacred Heart School has been selected as one of five pilot schools in Melbourne for the new ultranet and ICON programs, giving the school the opportunity to showcase its ICT skills and knowledge to the broader community, leading the way in current practices and influencing decisions made by other educational institutions. The Meru Network's implementation will let the school effectively participate in the pilot."

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About The Lakes College
The Lakes College is a provider of high quality education for students in North Lakes and surrounding areas. Its students come from the northern suburbs of Brisbane and from within the Moreton Bay Regional Shire.

The College opened in 2005, catering for students in Prep to Year 3 with the full complement of classes through to Year 12 being progressively added. By 2013 it will be a Prep to Year 12 co-educational College.

The Lakes College is well known for an amazing sense of school spirit and strong community and seeks to engage students in their learning and preparation for life in the global future.

The College seeks an environment where students, staff and families feel they belong, where there is respect, support for each other, where talents are harnessed and celebrations enjoyed.

About Sacred Heart School
Sacred Heart Primary School is a Catholic primary school offering education to boys and girls from Grade Prep to Grade 6.

Sacred Heart School aims to create an atmosphere in which both children and staff can grow and develop as a Christian community loved by God.

The school aims to extend this to a sense of belonging within the wider community of home, school and parish.

Sacred Heart Primary School is committed to the development of the whole person and it strives to provide a teaching and learning environment where positive attitudes towards faith, life and learning are encouraged and developed.

The curriculum is designed to focus on the development of the spiritual, social, intellectual, emotional and physical aspects and so enable each child to reach their full potential.

About Meru Networks
Founded in 2002, Meru Networks develops and markets a virtualised wireless LAN solution that cost-effectively optimises the enterprise network to deliver the performance, reliability, predictability and operational simplicity of a wired network, with the advantages of mobility. Meru's solution represents an innovative approach to wireless networking that utilises virtualisation technology to create an intelligent and self-monitoring wireless network, and enables enterprises to migrate their business-critical applications from wired networks to wireless networks, and become all-wireless enterprises. Meru's solutions have been adopted in major industry vertical markets, including education, healthcare, hospitality, manufacturing and retail. Meru is headquartered in Sunnyvale, Calif., and has operations in the Americas, Europe, the Middle East and Asia Pacific. For more information, visit www.merunetworks.com.

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