

# Schoolbox— Addressing the needs of IB schools





# The adaptive nature of Schoolbox has helped IB schools enhance communication, improve teaching and learning, and succeed with the IB programme.

When schools choose a learning management system (LMS), they usually abide by a checklist of requirements the platform needs to facilitate. Most importantly, the LMS needs to be flexible, have an intuitive interface, centralised work submissions, personalised calendars, a plagiarism checker, and market-leading communication capabilities.

Schools following the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme in Australia have particular needs for tools around community engagement, course planning and delivery, and assessment and reporting.

Schoolbox prides itself on an pedagogy-first approach, which works particularly well with IB schools. IB schools appreciate the intuitively designed class and unit pages, which are a cut above the competition.

## **Tools for IB Schools**

Schoolbox's adaptive nature means that IB schools are able to use the platform to meet the needs of their curriculum requirements.

The recent rubric enhancements in Schoolbox releases v18, v18.1, and v18.2, have made them incredibly useful for the IB programme.



Creativity, Activity, Service (CAS) is a mandatory core component of IB, and Schoolbox group pages provide an invaluable support for the IB CAS program.

The biggest benefit, however, is the flexibility in the creation of class pages, unit pages, and courses. This provides schools with great diversity in the way they customise their IB courses. For those using Schoolbox, daily lesson interactions for nearly every subject now begin at the class page.

All assessment tasks, due dates, and resources are housed on the class page, meaning students can find all the information they need to complete an assignment in one, central location.

Students are also empowered to take control of their own learning and monitor their upcoming tasks using the Due Work calendar, as well as submit online, and read their own feedback provided through Kami, Schoolbox's feedback annotation app.

## **Improved School Communication**

IB schools rely heavily on Schoolbox for their communication and collaboration needs. For example, documents can be embedded straight into their Schoolbox instance, reduced the number of static documents immensely and allowing students to collaborate on projects with their peers.

The market-leading communication system in Schoolbox also allows schools to target communications to their CAS groups, reducing the volume of spam emails and ensuring that all communications are relevant to the audiences.

The improved news system in Schoolbox has increased engagement and schools find it overall more visually appealing and easy to use, which has further improved communication.

Parent communication is also heavily improved with Schoolbox and its EduAPP in particular. With the app, parents receive instant, up-to-date information relating to their



child and the school, enabling a deeper partnership and increased visibility between parent and student.

## **The Benefits**

Having an LMS, portal, and student wellbeing platform with its roots in pedagogy and communication gives IB schools consistency around the way students access content, manage their workload, receive feedback, and communicate with their peers and teachers. It really is a one-stop-shop.

Using Schoolbox, school subjects have much greater diversity in their pedagogical practices with the possibility to personalise and differentiate learning, as well as create assessments with self-reflection and self-assessment opportunities. All of this helps students develop their IB learner profile in Schoolbox.

Apart from communication, it's the flexibility around course design and due work which IB schools find the most beneficial, as it allows them to tailor their instance to meet their IB requirements.

## **The End Result**

Schoolbox has proven to be a powerful LMS, community portal, and wellbeing platform for IB schools. Its adaptive nature and the willingness of the Schoolbox team to listen to the needs of its IB community has meant that schools are able to tailor their instances to meet their IB requirements.

Schoolbox is committed to introducing new functionalities that will continue to support the IB programme, such as improved rubrics and markbooks.