Newcastle High School for Girls GDST gets peace of mind expanding their IT infrastructure with resiliency ensured by StarWind

Problem
Prior to StarWind, Newcastle High School for Girls GDST had 3 separate hosts running Hyper-V standalone servers with replication across for data recovery (DR) purposes. The school wanted to introduce Remote Desktop Services (RDS), so had to expand its server infrastructure. Only a cluster environment would give the resiliency needed which either required a dedicated SAN or StarWind. A dedicated SAN was seen as another single point of failure and did not offer the resiliency of StarWind (at a lower cost). Newcastle High School for Girls GDST investigated a dedicated hardware SAN. But to get the advantages of StarWind, the school would have needed two at considerable cost. On the other hand, as they run Microsoft Hyper-V, the offering from VMware would have been a considerable amount of work to move all VMs.

Solution
StarWind allowed Newcastle High School for Girls GDST to introduce a SAN quickly and easily. Also, it gave the school a full Hyper-V cluster with redundancy far greater than their previous setup. They’ve had a host fail and the end-users didn’t notice any downtime.

Newcastle High School for Girls GDST is absolutely satisfied with StarWind.

If the school needs to expand RDS servers, it may add an additional host in the future.

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