South African public school transforms their basic, open network into a secure and powerful tool for students and staff.

**Business need**

Until recently, Amanzimtoti High School had a very basic network. Since there was limited internet access and it was accessible to administrative staff only, it was left open with no security. However, when the school began looking at ways to offer access to learners, they realized that in order to keep the youth safe, they would need greater access over which sites would be accessible. At the same time, they needed a way to monitor staff internet usage for security. And because the school stores personal information on their network, they needed to ensure they would be compliant with new requirements under the Protection of Personal Information (PoPI) Act.

The school’s IT service provider already used SonicWall to manage various tasks remotely, without needing to involve the school in day-to-day operations. So when it was time to improve network access and security, they once again looked to SonicWall.

**Solution**

After some consideration, the school decided the TZ600 Advanced next-generation firewall would best fit their needs. The TZ600 allowed the school to create separate networks for staff and students, each with its own rules and access rights. And because the TZ600 integrated with their Active Directory, staff members are now able to connect seamlessly, and administrators receive detailed reporting on staff activity.

**Results**

By choosing SonicWall, Amanzimtoti High School was able to meet the compliance requirements around data and learner protection. But according to Lemmer, the school also gained the peace of mind that comes with knowing their network is secure. “The resulting security features are now realized and appreciated, as we were not fully aware of many of the potential risks and threats. We receive weekly and monthly reports which detail the threats that have been detected and blocked,” Lemmer said.

**Benefits**

- Improved security posture
- Meets compliance requirements under PoPI
- Greater visibility and control

**Solutions at a glance**

- **TZ600 Advanced**

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“Our SonicWall system works reliably in the background and we have been happy with the level of security that the system provides.”

**LOUISE LEMMER**

**PRINCIPAL, AMANZIMTOTI HIGH SCHOOL**

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**CUSTOMER PROFILE**

**Company**
- Amanzimtoti High School

**Industry**
- Education (K-12)

**Country**
- South Africa

**Website**
- www.totihigh.co.za

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