

Family Zone SpotShield

Managing student hotspotting at school.

The challenge

The hundreds of schools we work with across Australia and New Zealand tell us hotspotting is one of their biggest challenges. In some year groups, up to 40% of the student body use hotspotting daily to bypass network filtering. And the increasing popularity of unlimited mobile data plans is driving the trend faster and further than ever.

The impact

When students hotspot, all the risky sites and apps your firewall has been set to block become 100% accessible - and on any school device. Gaming. Pornography. Social media. Literally nothing is off-limits.

The impact of hotspotting cannot be overstated. It threatens the school's ability to maintain duty of care. It undermines learning outcomes. And of course it multiplies distractions and risks.

Most schools are well aware of the damage hotspotting can do. But they've also regarded the practice as a problem with no clear solution. Short of banning personal smartphones entirely - fine in theory but difficult in practice - admins have tended to relegate hotspotting to the "too hard basket" of network management.

About Family Zone

Family Zone is a global cyber safety and security provider trusted by schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the US.

The solution

Family Zone SpotShield is a game-changer. Quite simply, it empowers the school to filter hotspotting activity in exactly the same way as on-network activity. So whatever sites or apps you've blocked, stay blocked.

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-  Allows schools to take control of 100% of hotspotting activity
-  Can be applied in both 1:1 and BYOD environments
-  Requires no parental involvement
-  Mandatory installation is carried out by students

A holistic approach

Hotspotting - like any other form of digital disobedience - isn't solely a technological problem. It's also a behavioural one. That's why Family Zone recommends a holistic approach to hotspotting issues involving IT admins, pastoral care and wellbeing staff and parents. A Family Zone cyber expert can guide this process, delivering evidence-based advice and customised solutions tailored to the unique needs of your school community.

We understand school needs, and our absolute focus is providing solutions that support schools to achieve educational outcomes and ensure student well-being.

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