Senior secondary

SDCS and Windows 8

Purpose
The purpose of this memo is to inform schools of PC requirements to run the Student Data Capture System (SDCS).

Background
All secondary schools across Queensland use the SDCS to report personal data, school subject and course enrolments and results for Year 11 and 12 students to the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA).
SDCS is a PC-based application, developed and maintained by the QSA. Schools download the application from the QSA website and run it as a stand-alone application within their own environment to collect and record the required data locally.
SDCS does not run optimally on later 64-bit PC operating systems.

Information
A project has been commenced to replace SDCS with a web-based application. It is envisaged the redevelopment will be completed in time for the commencement of the 2016 school year.
In the meantime, SDCS will need to continue to operate on PCs in schools.
SDCS will only run effectively on Windows 7 or earlier operating systems. The QSA cannot support nor offer advice on running SDCS on later operating systems.

What you need to do
Schools should only run SDCS on PCs using Windows 7 or earlier operating systems.
SDCS will not be supported on the Windows 8 environment. We suggest that schools upgrading to a Windows 8 environment, retain one PC with Windows 7 (or earlier operating system) in order to run SDCS until the web-based application has been developed.
Assistance can be provided to run SDCS on Windows 7 (or earlier operating systems) by calling the QSA Helpdesk on 3864 0278.

More information
For more information please email helpdesk@qsa.qld.edu.au, or telephone 38640278.

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