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Catholic Theological College and Ormond College Select SirsiDynix Horizon ASP

Academic libraries in Australia choose SirsiDynix hosted solutions

HUNTSVILLE, Ala., April 4, 2006 – SirsiDynix, the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, announced today that two academic institutions in Australia, Catholic Theological College and Ormond College, have selected the SirsiDynix Horizon Library Management System. Both libraries have chosen the ASP (Application Service Provider) version of Horizon, in which the implementation and management of the systems are hosted by SirsiDynix-certified system administrators. Ormond College has recently gone live on Horizon.

“We have always been happy with Dynix, and now SirsiDynix, as a technology partner,” said Tony McCumstie, Catholic Theological College Mannix librarian. “When we evaluated other systems, we found that the Horizon ASP option provided very good value.

“Additionally, the Horizon interface, navigation and functionality will greatly improve how both staff and patrons find information. We will also be able to tap into a much wider range of information resources and, reciprocally, make our resources known to a greater number of potential users,” added McCumstie.

Bronwyn Wallace, acting librarian at Ormond College Library, said, “We selected Horizon after much research and after hearing the recommendations of other libraries using Horizon. Our staff and patrons will enjoy enhanced searching, improved circulation processes and self-checkout.”

Lamar Jackson, SirsiDynix vice president of Asia and Pacific operations, said, “As the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries, we assist libraries in improving their internal productivity and enhancing their capabilities for serving people. One of the ways we’re helping libraries do this is through our ASP solutions. With SirsiDynix ASP solutions, libraries can realize the benefits of our technologically advanced products without the time- and skill-intensive tasks of managing their software, hardware and databases. As a result, we’re continuing to see an increased demand for our hosted solutions in Asia-Pacific.”

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About SirsiDynix

SirsiDynix is the global leader in strategic technology solutions for libraries – vital institutions whose primary mission is to make sense of the vast world of information for people and communities. This is an exciting role as libraries assist people in discovering and using knowledge, resources and other valuable content for their educations, jobs and entertainment. In concert with key industry partners, SirsiDynix supports this strategic role for libraries by offering a

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comprehensive integrated suite of technology solutions for improving the internal productivity of libraries and enhancing their capabilities for meeting the needs of people and communities. SirsiDynix has approximately 4,000 library and consortia clients, serving more than 300 million people through more than 20,000 library outlets in the Americas, Europe, Africa, the Middle East and Asia-Pacific. For more information, please see www.sirsidynix.com.

About Daniel Mannix Library, Catholic Theological College

The Mannix Library, located in East Melbourne, Australia, exists primarily to serve the needs of more than 400 staff and students of Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, and is also open to the public. It provides access to over 100,000 monograph volumes and approximately 220 current serials, circulating approximately 13,500 items per year. The library was founded in 1923 as part of Corpus Christi College – the provincial seminary for the Catholic dioceses of Victoria and Tasmania. The seminary and the library were located at various times at Werribee, Glen Waverley and Clayton. When Catholic Theological College was established in 1972, library services were extended to CTC. In 1999, the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne assumed responsibility for funding the library, which was renamed *The Daniel Mannix Library*, and moved from Clayton to its current site in East Melbourne.

About MacFarland Library, Ormond College

The MacFarland Library, located in Melbourne, Australia, houses a comprehensive collection of major references and texts with over 40,000 volumes covering all areas of undergraduate study. Serving more than 300 students and staff, the library functions as an excellent adjunct to the university's many libraries. Founded in 1881 by the Presbyterian Church with the hallmarks of open entry and liberal education, Ormond College aspires to be a leader in residential collegiate learning in Australia, through academic excellence, diversity in student population and experience, active student involvement and leadership, an appreciation of the worth of each individual, strong ethical values, and a forward and outward looking approach.

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