

CASE STUDY

Safeguarding Education: Wasabi Powers Mount Barker Waldorf School's Recovery Strategy

Wasabi's cost-effective, reliable cloud storage made recovery of backups simple and fast after a disaster hit Mount Barker Waldorf School.

Overview

Mount Barker Waldorf School is a K-12 institution in South Australia serving 340 students on 20 semi-rural acres. After testing multiple cloud solutions, the school selected Wasabi Hot Cloud Storage to strengthen its disaster recovery strategy, citing affordability, reliability, and data sovereignty as key benefits.

Challenges

Before switching to Wasabi, Mount Barker Waldorf School explored several cloud backup options, but most were too expensive or unreliable. Their hybrid backup plan required a cost-effective cloud storage solution that integrated with Veeam, supported immutability, and maintained compliance with Australian data regulations.

- **Hybrid backup strategy** – The school needed secure cloud storage to complement its on-premises backups.
- **High cloud costs** – Competing services charged for egress, API calls, and other unpredictable fees.
- **Unreliable performance** – Previous cloud vendors had issues synching larger files over the school's unreliable internet connection.
- **Data sovereignty concerns** – All data needed to remain in Australia to meet compliance requirements.



MOUNT BARKER
WALDORF SCHOOL

USE CASE:

- Backup & recovery
- Disaster recovery

INDUSTRY:

- K-12 Education



I was impressed that Wasabi just worked. Right-click, copy backup, choose a location—and it's done. That's golden.

— **Stephen Randell**, IT Manager – Mount Barker Waldorf School



The main reason we use Wasabi is for disaster recovery. If we hadn't been using Wasabi before the fire destroyed our on-prem backup appliances, we would've lost all our backups and archival storage.

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Solutions

Mount Barker Waldorf School uses Wasabi Hot Cloud Storage to replicate its on-premises Veeam backups every four hours. With 30-day immutability enabled and multi-user controls in place, the school strengthened both its disaster recovery strategy and security posture, just in time for an actual disaster that destroyed local infrastructure.

- **Immutability and account security** – Backups are protected from tampering or deletion for 30 days with Wasabi Object Lock. Multi-user authentication adds a second layer of approval to critical actions.
- **Cost-effective model** – Predictable pricing and no egress fees make budgeting easy.
- **Local storage region** – Data resides in-country to support compliance and sovereignty.

Conclusion

When a fire destroyed the school's on-prem backup appliances, IT had confidence in their disaster recovery plan because their backups were safe in Wasabi. The team quickly deployed a new appliance, resynced their data, and resumed operations without data loss.

- **Peace of mind despite disaster** – IT had confidence that backups could be restored from Wasabi simply and quickly.
- **Cost savings** – The school was able to get the cloud storage it needed without breaking its budget.
- **Easier compliance** – Using Wasabi storage based in Sydney enabled the school to maintain data sovereignty.
- **Powerful protection features** – Immutability and other security capabilities ensured the school's data was available to restore.
- **Fast recovery after fire** – Backups were restored with a few clicks after local backup appliances were lost.
- **Budget-friendly backup** – The school added cloud protection without increasing its IT footprint.
- **Improved compliance** – Storage in Sydney ensures data remains within Australia.

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Wasabi makes cloud storage easy. Multi-user authentication, split billing and admin accounts, and storage that stays in-country—Wasabi ticks all our boxes.

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When I got the call about the fire, I thought, 'I know all of our data is backed-up in Wasabi, so I know that we're okay.'

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