



RISC v8

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Our second issue!

We've been really pleased at the take-up rate of **RISC v8**. Just one school term ago, no schools were running v8 and now we have over **400 schools** in **four states of Australia** using the latest release of our student management software.

This is great because it tells us that all of those schools that upgraded from earlier versions did so because they benefit from using RISC.

The Latest Release of RISC

RISC v8.201AU (March 15, 2008)

To check your version:
Help...About RISC

To get your **free** upgrade:
Help...Find and Download RISC Updates

Where's RISC for Sentral?

Since 2006, Marillion Designs has been marketing RISC for two different computer platforms – RISC for Windows and **RISC for Sentral** – a webserver-driven version of RISC. In these two years, over 140 NSW Public Schools purchased **RISC for Sentral**.

In April 2008, Marillion Designs sold its stake in RISC for Sentral to **Hughes Trading Solutions**, developers of the excellent **Easy School Reports** system - to allow them to further develop the software and integrate it more fully into their other products. Their new program has been renamed **ESR – Welfare** and all existing users of RISC for Sentral will be advised and upgraded to the new product. More information is available from:

<http://easyschoolreports.com.au>

RISC Data Analysis Tool

One of our long-time users of RISC, Mr **Peter South** from **Thomas Reddall High School** in Sydney, has developed an excellent add-on resource for the RISC v8 software (also works with v7). **The RISC Data Analysis Package** utilises an MS Excel Spreadsheet Template for analysing export data from RISC to produce additional reports and closer analysis of RISC data for schools.

The Excel spreadsheet uses coded macros to automatically import RISC data and carry out further calculations, sort, display and print data and graphs. It is generic and will work with RISC data from any school, requiring the user only to enter their school name and to click a single button for each import (*once they have exported their data from RISC*).

It can be used to assist schools with the analysis of trends. Please note that the package is only designed for schools running RISC v7 or v8 for Windows. Visit the site below and open the comprehensive User Guide to take a closer look at what the RISC Data Analysis Package can offer your school. Our many thanks go to *Peter South* and *Thomas Reddall High School* for making this useful tool **freely** available to RISC users.

<http://marilliondesigns.com/latestnews.htm#item8>



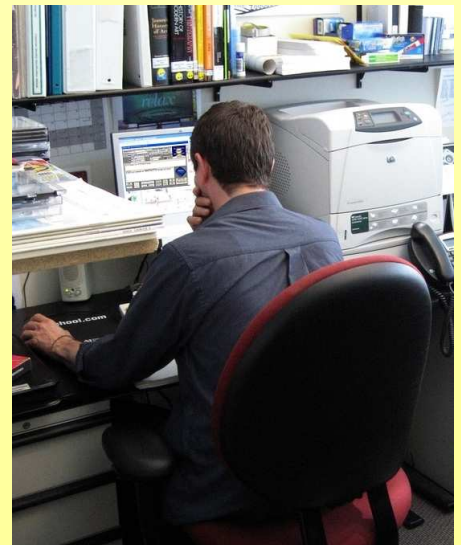
Do You Use the RISC Smiley?

The **"Smiley"** flags on the RISC form are very useful, especially if you use RISC to track more than just negative student issues. With just one click per record, you can quickly tag the record for future reference. You can **search** by "Smiley" and the **Quick History** is **colour-coded** by "Smiley". *Use them!*

Need Help with RISC?

Marillion Designs has ALWAYS provided technical support to schools that use **RISC** for **FREE**. We pride ourselves on providing responsive, quality support to all of our users at no cost. But we can only do this if:
(a) We know you have a problem
(b) You e-mailed us the details of the problem.

Please **don't phone** us for technical support. We're often as hard to get on the phone as staff in schools are.



Does your school like RISC?

If your school thinks other schools should also use RISC, **please tell them about it!** If you want to tell us your RISC story, just **Email** us!