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From COVID blues to coffee buzz: Hutt International Boys School's transformative staff room solution

Hutt International Boys School wanted to find the right-fit solution for their staff's coffee needs. The school management wanted to restore the liveliness of their staff rooms lost during the COVID-19 restrictions.

The school approached OfficeMax to explore options for showing its staff and teachers that their wellbeing was important to them.

"The addition of the Franke coffee machine and fresh fruit has supported staff wellbeing. For a marginal cost, we have staff who feel valued and appreciated, which is priceless."

Byron Lynds, Director of Finance and Property, HIBS

Results at a glance



Premium coffee

Premium barista-styled coffee is available for staff at the push of a button



Wellbeing initiative

Fruit box delivery thrice weekly showed the school's commitment to staff wellbeing.



Improved collaboration

The coffee machine has improved staff engagement and collaboration.



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The Challenge

- High-quality coffee and hot beverage options for the school staff
- An automatic coffee machine that dispenses beverages fast, being mindful of limited time between classes and breaks
- Increase staff engagement and look after their wellbeing.

The Solution

We invited Byron Lynds, the school's Director of Finance and Property, and team members to OfficeMax's Wellington showroom to demonstrate the different coffee machine options available.

We also offered them a taste test, during which they could try different beverages from a select range of machines and make their final decision.

After the taste test, the guests overwhelmingly selected the Franke A300 coffee machine, which uses fresh milk to brew high-quality barista-styled premium coffee.



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Key features of Franke A300 Coffee Machine:

- The milk container is embedded into the fridge, making refilling it easy
- Easy to refill coffee beans and chocolate powders into canisters
- Eight-inch touch screen with intuitive menu prompts for efficient, self-cleaning technology
- **Flexibility of choice:** Up to 35 different beverage selections can be programmed during installation. Options include espresso, long black, cappuccino, warm milk, boiling water for tea, hot and cold milk foam, ristretto, mocha and more.

Fruit boxes for staff wellbeing:

As the school wanted to emphasize staff wellbeing, we offered the option of adding fruit boxes to complement the coffee machine.

In addition to freshly brewed premium coffee, the staff receives a box of seasonal fruits three times a week.

The Results

The coffee machine with fruit boxes became a big hit with the staff, who admired the school's commitment to their wellbeing.

- Staff can now access a variety of premium-quality coffee and other beverages with the push of a button
- The new coffee machine zone in the staff kitchen has rejuvenated the space back to pre-COVID times. Staff have an opportunity to catch up more often, which boosts collaboration
- Maintenance of the coffee machine is simple and effortless. Onsite training on using and cleaning the machine was provided for the school's facilities.



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