



## ST STITHIANS COLLEGE GIVES IDU AN A+

St Stithians is one of South Africa's top educational facilities with in excess of 2600 students across boys and girls, pre, junior and senior school's. The school campus in Johannesburg, South Africa, includes - education, sporting, catering, business, lifestyle and residential facilities. It is built on a 100 hectare estate making it one of the largest school campuses in the country.

Given the size of the campus and the diversity of the budgeting, forecasting and reporting requirements, Excel was struggling to provide a cohesive, empowering and efficient toolset. Single custodian spreadsheets created risk.

*“Collecting and collating information from operations drained the resources of the finance department. More time was spent preparing the budget than developing a financial plan for the school.” - Johnny Smith, Head of Finance.*

Spreadsheets required manual maintenance and repeated data validation at multiple stages to provide a consolidated, summarised view of the budget.

IDU provides an inclusive budgeting, forecasting and reporting environment, empowering operational management. An online solution, with automatic roll-up, allows managers to capture their budgets directly onto the system, removing the need for data cleansing, validation and aggregation of multiple spreadsheets.

User-friendly capture screens and automated processes reduce the amount of input required. The real-time, fully integrated solution reduces the manual intervention allowing finance more time to analyse, investigate and advise operations. Reducing the administration and manual intervention required not only contributes to faster budget turnaround times but also decreases the risk of errors and omissions.

*“We have completed our first budget cycle in IDU and the benefits are evident and providing immediate returns. We look forward to continued success in the application of the solution.”*



### About IDU

IDU makes budgeting, forecasting, performance management and reporting tools to simplify financial management. Our flagship product, idu-Concept, provides easy, effective budgeting and financial reporting for medium-sized to large businesses. idu-Concept integrates easily with ERP software, but unlike more cumbersome offerings, idu-Concept can be implemented quickly, requires little or no ongoing consulting fees and reduces budgeting cycles from months to weeks. Our company is owner-managed, and still led by its two founding members.

### About St Stithians College

St Stithians College is a proudly South African school, embracing diversity and offering a distinctive educational experience. Founded in 1953 as a Methodist Church School, Christian spirituality is central to the school's identity. The College consists of primary and secondary boys' and girls' schools, together with a coeducational junior primary school. They are an independent, non-profit institution located on an expansive green campus in Sandton, Johannesburg. In addition, St Stithians incorporates Kamoka Bush School near Modimolle, and the Thandulwazi Maths & Science Academy on the campus.