



GRIFFITH COLLEGE RESTAURANT AND BAR GOES TO THE TOP OF THE CLASS WITH GIROVEND

Griffith College has recently installed a GiroVend Cashless Catering solution at their new restaurant and licensed bar. The seven acre city centre campus is currently run by Campbell Catering and caters for over 8,000 students.

The GiroVend cashless payment solution from G4S Technology is based around a Mifare card that students use at payment points to pay for food, beverages, alcohol, library charges and items from vending machines, and for identification.

At Griffith College money is loaded onto the card via a multi-function loader – which allows students to add value via coins, notes, debit and credit cards. Eugene Coghlan is responsible for overseeing Campbell Catering's educational operations. He explains that Griffith College wanted to create a more secure environment on campus and decided a cashless catering system would help them achieve this. "Administration-wise GiroVend cashless also helps eliminate the need to deposit floats in tills, top them up with coins or notes, collect money during a shift and cash up at the end of the day."

He said, "The primary reason for installing GiroVend cashless at Griffith College was to eliminate cash from campus." Griffith didn't want lots of cash on site and going cashless meant they could easily control this and help increase security.

Campbell Catering were also impressed with the speed in which GiroVend's cashless solutions enabled students and staff to pay for their purchases.

He continues "Campbell Catering were also keen for Griffith College to go cashless because we appreciate the other advantages the system brings. During busy periods it eliminates queues and bottlenecks of students going through tills – we have up to 500 people passing through at lunch times. Cashless is much quicker than using notes and coins – you simply save time on collecting money and returning change."

The GiroVend system has extensive PC-based reporting facilities that allow catering and facility managers to run reports across a number of sites, as well as input menu options, all from one central point, saving both time and money.

And according to Eugene the system has been a big hit with students and staff. He said, "People on campus have found GiroVend cashless very easy to use. I think the students have taken to the new system because it's seen as being quite 'trendy' – it uses technology, it's easy and it's new – all things young people like."

GiroVend can be easily integrated with other products from the GiroVend range, for example, their smartcards can also be used as ID cards and access passes.

The system has created such efficiencies for Campbell Catering and Griffith College that they are now thinking of expanding their catering facilities because GiroVend allows them to serve so many people, quickly.



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In the long term Griffith College are hoping to use the GiroVend Smartcard to help them create a totally cash-free environment. Eugene continues, "Griffith College is now planning to expand the use of the Smartcard beyond the restaurant, vending machines and the library to pay for copying and printing. The aim is eventually to totally eliminate cash from campus."

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G4S Technology designs, manufactures, installs and maintains fully integrated building security and cashless payment systems. G4S Technology has been providing unified solutions for over 30 years, delivering 30,000 systems across 80 countries, to mitigate risk and protect staff, premises and assets.

GiroVend is a market leading cashless catering solution with over 25 years' proven experience across a diverse range of sectors, including Financial Services, Retail, Commerce, and Education.



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