



## **BigAir breaks the broadband speed barrier for Australian Universities**

*Australia's scholars get linked in to online learning, conferencing and researching  
with BigAir's high speed Internet*

**SYDNEY, Australia – April 23rd, 2007** - The students at three of Australia's leading universities are over the moon about their new high-speed broadband from BigAir Group Limited (ASX:BGL) and Star-Tech Communications. The universities are also thrilled that the installations were lightning fast and cost less than 40 percent of Telstra's fibre-based offering.

Enabling students to accelerate their learning with online collaboration, conferencing and research, BigAir's superior high speed broadband, with speeds up to 10Mbps, is now up and running at Macquarie University in Sydney, RMIT University in Melbourne and Griffith University in Queensland.

Star-Tech Communications Managing Director, Richard Potter said that BigAir stepped in to help Griffith University late last year when Telstra was unable to upgrade the campus until sometime in April 2007.

"Since BigAir owns its own wireless network using carrier-grade equipment, they were able to provide the high-speed broadband connection within a week – beating Telstra hands down on speed, service and pricing.

"If it wasn't for BigAir, the students at Griffith might still be waiting for their Telstra connection well into next semester," Mr Potter added.

To date, nearly 1,500 student dorms are benefiting from BigAir's reliable symmetric broadband, offering unlimited access to online learning, enhanced research capabilities, past study notes and video conferencing capabilities to link up with other universities. Griffith University campus will also be Wi-Fi enabled within a month.

BigAir CEO, Jason Ashton said that high-speed broadband access was crucial for students in today's learning environment.

"Whether students need to be more involved in online learning, use video conferencing to collaborate with other students, lecturers, universities or even tap into international experts to help them excel, reliable high speed broadband is the only way forward."

"It's rewarding to be in a position where we can help these students get ahead. They could be on the verge of unveiling tomorrow's cure for cancer or even the next technological breakthrough!" Mr Ashton added.

Star-Tech Communications offers a complete range of services to provide customers with the best solution to meet their requirements. Working with BigAir, the company will continue expanding its portfolio in the education sector and plans to work with the hospitality industry to provide high-speed broadband to business travelers.

### **About BigAir Group Limited**

ASX Listed BigAir Group (BGL) is a wireless broadband service provider offering high-speed data telecommunications services to customers over three state of the art wireless networks in Australia. BigAir owns and operates its own fixed wireless network covering the Sydney metro area, and is the largest provider of customer services on the iBurst mobile wireless network with coverage in all Australian eastern capital cities. BigAir also provides services on the Unwired network that has coverage in Sydney and Melbourne. BigAir is able to offer a wide range of wireless communication solutions including its high-speed symmetric fixed wireless broadband which offers speeds up to 100Mbps. BigAir also offers a range of the fastest mobile and portable broadband services offering speeds up to 1Mbps. For further information, please visit [www.bigair.com.au](http://www.bigair.com.au)

### **About Star-Tech Communications**

Established in 1990, Unistar Enterprises Pty Ltd trading as Star-Tech Communications is a leading provider of MDU broadband distribution, wireless network solutions specialising in WLANs, WWANs, Point to Point/Multipoint/Mesh wireless links, surveillance, and network design. Star-Tech Communications has provided intelligent communications solutions to a broad range of clients across many sectors, and is a Government endorsed supplier. It offers the highest quality installation, service and support, using qualified in-house engineers and project managers. Star-Tech's vast range of solutions includes wireless connectivity of up to 1.25Gbps microwave systems (both licensed and class licensed) for transmission of voice, data and video communications. For more information please visit our website at [www.startech.com.au](http://www.startech.com.au)

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