Setting up VPN Access for St John’s Markbook

**Preface:** Due to the increasing prevalence of RansomWare, St John’s is shifting all external network access to a VPN (Virtual Private Network) system.

This is a more secure way of obtaining network access from outside the school for services such as Markbook.

This document shows you how to setup the VPN connection for Mac OSX.

**VPN How-To:**

1. Go to the Apple Menu and select System Preferences.
2. Select Network (highlighted in Red).

3. Select the + sign toward the bottom left of the Network Preferences pane.
4. In the dialogue box Interface drop down list, select VPN.

5. In the next dialogue box, under VPN Type, select PPTP. In Service Name, provide a meaningful name for the VPN connection. I use SJGS VPN. When finished click “Create”.
6. You will be returned to the Network Preferences page. Enter the following details:

Server Address: mail2.stjohns.sa.edu.au
Account Name: yourusername

*Make sure you tick “Show VPN Status in Menu Bar”

Click Authentication Settings.
7. In Authentication Settings, ensure that Password is checked and enter in your password. Click OK.

8. Finally, click Apply and close off the System Preferences.
9. Now that the VPN is setup, you need to connect to the school’s network. Do this by clicking on the ‘Tag’ on your Menu Bar, and select Connect SJGS VPN.

10. Once connected, a timer will start counting up (to show the amount of time you have been connected). When this occurs, you are now connected to the SJGS VPN and can access Remote Desktop using the 10.1.1.12:3390 address (See Markbook Booklet for details).

11. To disconnect the VPN (please ensure you have logged off Remote Desktop BEFORE doing this), simply go to the ‘Tag’ and select Disconnect.