Summer Edition 2019

2019 has been a great year in the libraries, with all three remaining busy and vibrant hubs within the school. Borrowing statistics have shown a gradual but encouraging increase over the past 10 years, and this year we have worked with most departments to support academic research.

Kirri Webb, our new Communications Officer, has been a very welcome addition to our team and we look forward to her help in promoting our books and events next year. Be sure to follow @bgslibrary on Twitter and Instagram.

We wish you all a safe and relaxing holiday, and look forward to working with you in 2020.

DIGITAL ACCESS

Increase in access to electronic resources, EBSCO and other databases*

Increase in visits to Library Guides and Student Study Guides*

Increase in visits to Library eResources pages*

Increase in loans of Digital Magazines*

Increase in access to Click View videos and electronic resources*
Recently, a Four Corners investigation found increased screen time to be a contributing factor for younger generations with poor literacy skills. Excessive screen time is having a negative impact on Australian children’s writing and ability to concentrate in school.

95% of teachers said “the number of children arriving at school tired has increased.”

82% of teachers reported digital technologies are a growing distraction to students.

56% of teachers reported a “clear decrease in students’ readiness to learn in school.”

Love reading but can’t seem to find enough time in the day? Join BGS Libraries Staff Bookclub! Nothing like a little bit of peer pressure to make sure you finish the book. You won’t need excuses because you will have an entire term to read it! In 2020 the BGS Libraries will be starting a Staff Bookclub. Who can resist breakfast and books?

If you are keen to get a head start during the Christmas break, the first chosen book is The Testaments by Margaret Atwood. The Senior Library has a few available copies if you are quick or try your local library! If you would like to join the Staff Bookclub please email kirri.webb@brisbanegrammar.com. Come one, come all. Think croissants, coffee and books!
New Staff Member

This term we welcome our newest Library team member, Kirri as our Communications Officer – Library. Kirri began her career as graphic designer producing a vast range of visual products to suit client needs. Her love of design, combined with a passion for books and reading, led her to a career in libraries. She uses digital and social media platforms to redefine literature promotion and examine how libraries connect with the digital world using visual mediums. Her outstanding visual designs regularly garner attention both nationally and internationally and assist libraries in making connections with authors and publishers beyond the physical confines of the library. Kirri’s previous career was as a professional dancer, so in her spare time she practices pointing her toes and dancing around her lounge room.

New Database

In the last few weeks we have subscribed to a new database which has just recently been released for school access. Although it is called Web of Science, it is actually useful across all subject areas.

Web of Science is a university level research tool enabling students to quickly find the most influential academic material in over 250 disciplines. Used by all Australian Universities, giving your students access to this resource in their final years of high school will better equip them for the important shift to their chosen university degree.

We have linked this database to the Science eResources page, along with videos and training material.

Digital Fluency vs Digital Literacy

Clint Lalonde, educational technologist and advocate for open education practices in higher education, explores the critical differences between digital fluency and digital literacy.

"I see the difference between literacy and fluency as a continuum. Literacy is a pause on the way to fluency, although an important one, because you cannot become fluent until you become literate. But literacy shouldn’t be the end-game for those of us who support technology-enabled teaching and learning practice. We should be shooting for fluency.”

Read the full article >>
'How we could sleep better – in less time'

We can now amplify the restorative benefits of sleep. Could this help us cope with later nights and early mornings?

What if we were able to simply optimise the sleep experience so that we enjoyed most of the benefits of deep sleep, in less time?

Read the full article >>

APA 7th edition: 10 things you may want to know

APA Style, published by the American Psychological Association, is the most widely used referencing style for Humanities' subjects at Australian and New Zealand Universities.

APA has now upgraded worldwide to 7th edition. Click on the button below to see the changes as summarised by CiteMaker.

CiteMaker will have a 2020 style update to coincide with the release of APA 7, so the boys will be able to use a fresh new interface from next year.

APA 7th Edition Changes >>

Stay up to date with the outside world.

These digital replica newspapers are linked to our Great Resources for Teachers page on the library website.

Please note: due to licencing restrictions they are still only accessible at school.
Product Update

The Product team has been busy developing new features and updates. They are proud to announce the Bohr release is now live.

Release Overview

- iOS App Overhaul
- Immediate Feedback in Interactives
- High Precision Mode in the Video Editor
- Contribute to Exchange
- Improved Folder Selector for ‘Add to Library’

More information on ClickView Workshops in Term 1 2020 coming soon.

Find out more >>

Relax and read a book these Summer Holidays

Try to tell us your ideal holiday doesn’t include lounging by a pool or on a couch while reading multiple books cover to cover. What do you mean it doesn’t? Surely that’s not right. To help you start your reading binge here are our top Summer picks.

Click on the Summer Reading Guide below to browse and find out more about each book. You can also drop by the Senior Library to peruse in person or speak to library staff about recommendations.
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