Summer Edition 2020

Our three libraries are hubs in the school, with extremely helpful staff and a website which contains a wealth of information useful to both staff and students. Read on to find out the different ways we can support you and your students.

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Library Information

Did you know there are three great library spaces for you to access? These libraries are all staffed by teacher librarians and library staff who can help you with any request.

1. **The Senior Library** is for boys in Years 9-12 and is open 7.00am – 5.00/6.00pm Monday to Thursday and 7.00am – 4.30pm on Fridays. Group study rooms and teaching spaces can be booked by staff via the BGS scheduler, however check with Library staff about non-classroom bookings as the boys book the study rooms via a separate booking sheet. The Senior Library is also the home of The eXchange and GPS chess. Just ask Cathy Oxley if you need help: Ext. 270.

2. **The Centenary Library** is purpose-designed for Years 7 and 8. There are some great resources here for the boys and a teaching space that can be booked via the BGS scheduler. See Dani Smith for more information. Ext. 334

3. **The Middle School Library** is a very busy space and is where you find the Years 5 and 6 boys. The collection is designed to suit their academic and recreational needs. See Vicki Palmer to book this space instead of using the BGS scheduler. Ext. 345
The Library Website and Catalogue

Have you visited the Library website lately?

It’s an incredibly rich extension of the Library that provides 24/7 access for all members of the BGS community to university-level e-resources, as well as thousands of eBooks and AudioBooks. There’s even a specific web page, Great Resources for Teachers, dedicated to teachers, which highlights specific resources, services and platforms that will assist you to support your students’ learning.

The Library Catalogue can be found by clicking 'My Library, INFINITI, on the Library Homepage. It’s an easy-to-navigate platform where you can search for titles available in the Professional Development Library or on the shelves to recommend to the boys. You can also create lists of your favourite texts to share with students.

Visit the Library Website >>

eResources/Assignment Help

We have an extensive collection of eResources which we have categorised according to the ones most suitable for each subject. In addition to this we have assignment help research guides tailor-made to suit specific assignments. These include databases, credible websites, citation help and effective searching techniques. Please see Cathy, Dani or Vicki if you would like a guide created for one of your upcoming units.

eResources >>

eBooks

There are two platforms where you can access eBooks and audiobooks: Overdrive and ePlatform and these can be accessed via the Library website. There is an emphasis on YA fiction but take the time to browse.

Both platforms are single sign-on and provide access to eBooks and audiobooks which you can download to your computers and smart devices so you can read and listen anywhere. Items are returned automatically which takes the stress of overdues away!

eBooks >>
Video Platforms

The Library subscribes to two platforms that you can utilise when accessing videos for your classes. ClickView offers thousands of videos aligned to the Australian Curriculum, with the option to search by AC codes. You can even create your own interactive videos with questions to answer at significant points, to enhance your students’ learning experience.

Hundreds of new titles each year are added to Enhance TV, a video platform which includes documentaries, movies and TV shows curated from broadcast TV. You can search by subject area and year level as well as Australian classification.

CiteMaker

A school-wide initiative in 2018 saw students directed to Citemaker as the preferred site for referencing. This is an easy to use site in which students enter the details of their resources and create bibliographies and reference lists for each research task they complete. The referencing style the School uses is APA.

This year the Citemaker team have developed a new interface for their website and we are looking forward to seeing it very soon. In addition, they are releasing version 7 of APA with a revised legal section.

Cathy, Dani and Vicki are able to assist you in classes or on a one-to-one basis. Just ask!
What's Coming Up

New Staff Reads

The Senior Library has an extensive collection of staff reads available for borrowing. Each month we are fortunate to have a selection of new releases delivered to our door just for you! Pop into the library today and browse the shelves.

Browse staff reads >>
Tea Duel - Friday 21st Feb

This Friday in the Learning Commons see Year 12 prefects and captains battle teachers in a civilised duel involving dunking biscuits in hot tea!

Photography Competition

Our theme this year is ASIA with categories for staff, senior students and middle school students. You may submit up to three photos, entry forms can be downloaded from our Library website.

Book Week

Book Week is an annual highlight in the Middle School calendar. Running from 9-13 March, this year’s theme is Curious Creatures Wild Minds. Standout events are the Book Week Breakfast for parents and boys in Years 5 and 6 and the Trivia Evening for parents and boys in Years 7 and 8. Special guest is author and TV personality Andrew Daddo. There will also be lunchtime events including cupcake decorating, a Characters in the Wild treasure hunt and a visit by reptile handlers with a variety of animals. For more information contact Dani or Vicki.

Staff Bookclub

Our first shared book for 2020 will be Fahrenheit 451, a classic by SciFi author Ray Bradbury. It’s a quick read and the Library has quite a few copies available, so come and pick up a copy then enjoy a lively discussion over wine and cheese in LC309 (the eXchange) on 20 March, Friday afternoon of Week 8. Please email Kirri Webb if you would like to attend.