

"*THE LIBRARY/ RESOURCE CENTRE*"

As students progress through secondary school they will become increasingly *reliant* on the school library and Librarians for a variety of needs. Unlike when many parents and teachers attended school, and resources were limited to mainly books, today the world itself is an accessible resource for students.

Librarians are highly trained teachers who are skilled in collecting, resourcing and providing information. In the world today, an amazing fact is that the volume of knowledge is doubling every 5 to 6 years. Therefore, it is vital for students to get to know the librarians well in order to develop competent researching skills.

With the wealth of information available on the internet, it is essential for students to be discerning on both the quality and validity of material researched; unfortunately there is plenty of material on the net which is not accurate. Librarians are able to teach students how to identify what is accurate and what is not.

A beneficial exercise for Senior students is to visit and acquaint themselves with their nearest tertiary library; the wealth of knowledge available is amazing.

In the Planners there are focuses on the "*Library*" and the best ways to use it:-

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Gone are the days when libraries were thought of as a collection of dusty old books. Today they are alive and vibrant places with a variety of effective and efficient methods of data collection that place the world at students' fingertips.

Should you have any queries or concerns regarding your son/daughter's progress please do not hesitate to contact his/her Year Level Co-ordinator/Advisors.

"Do not tire from doing well." Anon