

2018—A Retrospective

At the beginning of the year five major goals were identified as a priority for the library during 2018. These are:

- Maintain and improve the library collection so it continues to respond to student needs.
- Align Collection Development Policy to the changing nature of the curriculum.
- Upgrade library management system so it responds to student needs. This includes notional resources such as promotional videos.
- Maintain and improve the learning spaces.
- Ensure the library, as a repository of the school's archives, meets community needs.

In achieving these goals, library staff have undertaken a major cull of non-fiction resources so that the collection responds to the changing nature of the curriculum. Plans are in place to purchase new resources as identified so that students have access to resources they need, as identified in the Australian Curriculum and for SATE (the new senior curriculum).

Ms Angus has been working for the last three years to improve searchability and accessibility of all resources. While all resources will have been relabeled and records updated by the end of 2018, the major focus has been on the non-fiction fiction collection to facilitate student research for their assignments.

Staff have begun examining the collection, including Sunnyside, as it relates to the Australian Curriculum and the Year Plans prepared by faculties so that gaps in the collection can be identified. This process will be ongoing and will be expanded once Unit Plans begin to be completed for the new senior curriculum.

As part of our regular review of facilities in the library this year saw the purchase of new furniture for the lounge area and for the computer area in Area B. The students find the new computer chairs and lounge chairs comfortable and easy to work with.

The laptops in the library have been replaced, with another 25 laptops to be added to the collection by the end of the year. This will bring the total laptops available for student use in the library to 75, an increase of 19.

The library software was replaced this year with a program called Oliver. Students now have access to the library catalogue both inside the school and at home, wherever they have access to an internet connection. Students can browse the catalogue, and place a hold on books they'd like to borrow. Through Oliver, students also have access to eBooks available through EQ's eResource collection, as well as the catalogues at State Library, Brisbane City Council Libraries and other sources. Students can view their borrowings to check when books are due. They have recommendations made to them based on their previous borrowings, and they can also see which books have been recently returned, which books are most popular and what new books have arrived in the library. To access their personal information, students need to enter their EQID number (on their ID card). Access to Oliver within the school is via students' desktops. The URL to access Oliver outside the school is:

<https://sunnybanshs.softlinkhosting.com.au/oliver/home/news>.

As part of an ongoing project, school archives are being scanned so that past students will have access to photos and other archives in electronic format. It is expected this project will take several years to complete.

Homework Club continues to be very popular with many students working all three days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday) until close at 4.30pm. We have a core of wonderful students who prepare afternoon tea for students and clean up afterwards. Their hard work is much appreciated.

The library celebrates many special events throughout the year, including: Library Lovers Day (Valentine's Day), Anzac Day, Book Week, Science Week, National Stress Down Day, LGBTQI+ Teen Suicide Awareness Day, World Animal Day, World Teachers' Day, World Statistics Day. Displays of relevant resources are accompanied by activities students can become involved in.

Because our new library management system, Oliver, records data differently from our previous system, the reports we pull from the data will be different. For this reason, direct comparisons to previous years are limited.

Overall borrowings this year have reduced significantly from last year. The trend began at the beginning of the year, with no indication in the data of a trigger. Library staff will analyse the data in the coming months to determine the future for the library collection. New books continue to be popular with students, with many of our new titles being borrowed as soon as they're processed. Students continue to request books for the library to purchase.

Diary of a Wimpy Kid is once again our most popular series, with Cabin Fever topping the charts as our most popular book. The Big Book of Minecraft, The Black Book of Colours and The Boy in the Dress were also very popular.

Thank you to our wonderful Library staff: Mrs Angus, Mrs B Webb and Mrs V Webb, without whom the library would be a much poorer space.