

Primary Campus

The primary school resource centre is at the hub of the school with classroom areas radiating from there. The library has a large collection of resources to support the curriculum as well as the recreational reading needs of the students. A full-time Teacher-Librarian, who is an experienced teacher with additional librarian qualifications, is available to service the needs of the whole school community.

Generally, all students receive a one-hour lesson each week from the Teacher-Librarian who has co-operatively planned with the classroom teacher to provide a continuation of the thematic work being taught in the classroom, a parallel skill or a literary experience.

The Resource Centre has a bank of five computers that the school community may use for research, word processing and other educational activities as well as catalogue information. Our computer program, Oliver Junior, will allow students to access the catalogue and their borrowing details on line from their home computers, putting an end to overdue books.

The borrowing system within the school allows for students to have two books for two weeks. The Resource Centre is open before school (8:15a.m. – 8:45a.m.), at lunch-time (1:10p.m. – 1:45p.m.) and after school (3:00p.m. – 3:30p.m.) except Mondays.

It is a busy place with many on-going activities occurring.

These activities include chess (private tuition is available Wednesday afternoons) and other indoor games, as well as Readers' Cup, Young Reviewer of the Year, Book Week, Brisbane Writers' Festival and author visits (when possible).

Since its inception the school has entered a team in the Readers' Cup. This is a competition organized by the Children's Book Council of Australia and gives a team of four students from Years 6 and 7 the chance to compete against other students from schools throughout Queensland. The children have to read six books and answer questions about them. This is an excellent way to encourage children to take an active delight in the books they read.

The Young Reviewer of the Year, organized by the Courier Mail in conjunction with the Children's Book Council, is a competition that our school has often entered and has previously won both the overall award and the individual sections. The students are encouraged to write reviews for the short-listed books for that year's best Australian children's books. If selected the reviews are printed in the Courier Mail and prizes are awarded.

When places are available a group of Year 5 and Year 6 students visit the Brisbane Writers' Festival each year over two days. The aim is to give interested children an opportunity to meet and listen to authors and illustrators of children's books whom they would not otherwise see.

A Book Club is run through the library eight times a year. This provides students with the opportunity to purchase books and the resource centre to obtain free books to add to our collection.