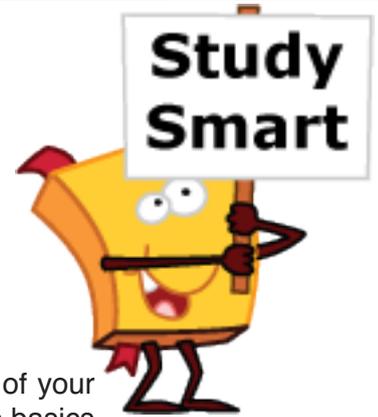


Study Smart



On Line – All the Time

The Study Skills area on the Library website will help you make the most of your research and study time. Take the time to read this document and learn the basics of focused research. These skills will benefit you across all of your subjects, and at the same time you will acquire good life-long study and research habits.

Always remember the Library staff are the key to using Library resources and are always happy to help you locate information you need, to assist in your studies at the College.

You can chat with any of the Library staff when you have an assignment you would like some help with, or book a session with one of the Library staff for individual help with anything you are researching or having trouble finding.

These skills you need to Study Smart:

- Be organised and learn to manage your time
- Think / Plan / Take notes and compile a reference list of the sources you use
- Be aware – All information is not created equal. Learn to recognise what is an opinion; what is objective or subjective research.
- Understand the question – Look for the keywords that best identifies the areas where you need to carry out your research.

Learn how the Mary MacKillop Library website can help you

Go to the Study Skills area to find essential information on:

- **Referencing** – This is one of the most important skills you can acquire. Always ask your teacher, in each subject, what style of referencing they expect you to use.
- **Plagiarism** – understand why it is essential that you reference all of your assignments and research
- **Copyright** – the College and the Library follow the requirements of Australia's Copyright Law. Make sure you know and understand how this law applies to you and your research and studies

For Senior Students the Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC), has legislated that you must reference your work to avoid any accusation of plagiarism. Library sessions will explain this in detail, but use the Library Fact Sheets on referencing to answer any questions you may have.

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Where else can you go?

The [Library website](#) has many other features that will help you. The Information Research area is where you will find good advice and proven tips that will help you in any subject you may study in the College.

- The [Study Smart Quiz](#). Test your knowledge. Do you know the difference between a catalogue, a bibliography and an index? Find the answer to this and other questions about research skills.
- The area on [Information Literacy](#) will help you overcome “information overload”.
- [Exam Preparation](#) – The tips in this area will make sure you will not suffer from “exam anxiety”.

Library Pathfinders

Pathfinders provide you with a guide to a range of resources in a particular subject area. They are an excellent introduction to a topic and they will help you to quickly commence research in a particular area.

Databases – eBooks – eReserve –

The valuable resources you will find in here can only be accessed by the staff and students of St Patrick's College. Have your user name and password ready to locate information in our databases:

- [Subscription databases](#) - Contain up-to-date information from magazines, journals, scholarly publications and newspapers.
- [Britannica Online](#) – The Britannica Encyclopedia, which has been valued so highly for so many years, now appears as an up-to-date digital resource.
- [eBooks](#) – View, read and download from the resources you find in this area
- [eReserve](#) – This is a collection of documents that are in high demand for research and assignment work.

Hot Lit

If you are studying one of the TCE English subjects you need to visit this area for information on the literature, drama and poetry you will be studying this year.

Literature

Contains valuable support material on authors, poets and playwrights.

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If you are on our separate Grade 9 campus many of the online resources can be found here in one location.