



St Paul's
School Library
Annual Report

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# Our Vision

The St Paul's School Library is innovative and creative, building and supporting community and collaboration as a Realms of Thinking, Ways of Being school library



# Our Mission

- The St Paul's School Library
  empowers students, staff and the
  community to engage in learning with
  confidence, creativity and a sense of
  wellbeing.
- The St Paul's School Library Team are the literature and information literacy specialists for the St Paul's School Community.
- The St Paul's School Library supports the School by building community, reading culture and literacy, information and digital literacy and professional development.

#### **Year in Review**

The St Paul's School Library has had a massive 2022 and undergone significant changes this year. With a new strategic plan, vision and mission, the Library is working towards becoming a Realms of Thinking, Ways of Being school library. A focus on building a culture of reading was reignited this year, as well as continuing the excellent support of information literacy and digital literacy in all years through weekly library lessons in Prep to Year 6, borrowing sessions in Pre-Prep, and on-demand library lessons, reading and new book sessions, research and referencing lessons, Flex sessions, and drop-in class tutorials in Year 7 - 12.

When the year began with a return to remote learning, the Library Team was quick to respond by setting up contactless textbook collection for Secondary School students and Family Library borrowing sessions for Junior School students and families. Over 180 bookings were hosted over a 5 day period. A new subscription to Story Box Library also supported the students during remote learning and continues to be a well-supported app in classrooms and by families at home.









The Junior Library hosted the first annual Inter-House Reading Competition and a Book Swap in Term 1, collecting 18 boxes of books that were donated to Rocklea State Primary School. The Junior Library organised student participation in the Premier's Reading Challenge and two regional Readers Cup competitions and hosted an author visit from Charlotte Barkla.

The Secondary Library moved to a student-driven collection development approach, which saw a significant increase in student interest in the library, increase in loan statistics and increase in student involvement in activities and events offered by the Library. The Secondary Library also increased the use of technology in Library lessons and help sessions with classes and teachers.

#### **Year in Review**

Major highlights of the year included the two First Nations Resources Masterclasses hosted in the Junior Library by Janelle Hamling, the Junior School Teacher Librarian and Alison Quin, QUT Lecturer. The first masterclass introduced the evaluation of First Nations resources for their cultural appropriateness to QUT pre-service teachers and St Paul's Junior School teaching staff. The second shared this knowledge with teacher librarians from other schools in the southeast corner of Queensland and virtually with Library staff nationally and internationally. This project continues as the Library works to support the changes in the National Curriculum in 2023 and beyond. However, this also may give St Paul's School opportunities to be seen and operate as leaders in this area.







The Junior Library hosted a Book Fair in Term 3, which made over \$5000 in sales and raised \$1500.15 in credits for the Junior School Library. The Junior Library has also coordinated Scholastic Book Club for the year raising \$2079.10 in credits for the Library.

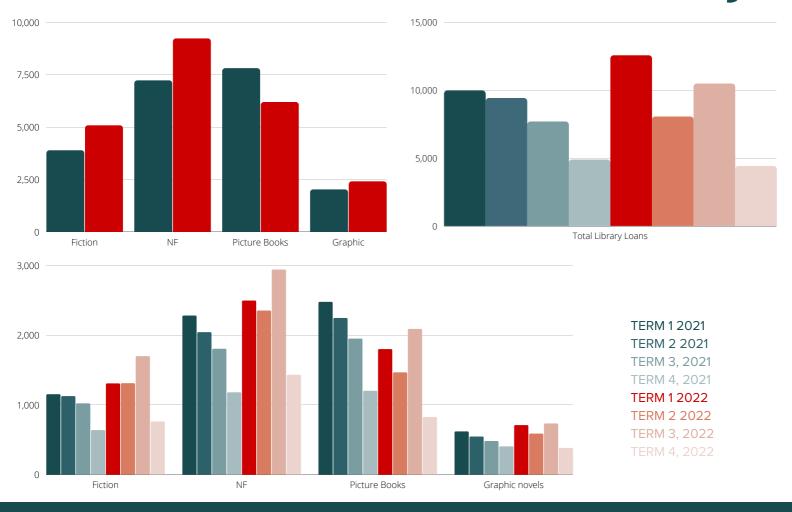
The Secondary Library maintained a strong connection with our local bookshop, resulting in many advanced review copies for our staff and students.





The Secondary School Library's focus this year was preparing to move into the Innovation Precinct in 2023. This included significant updates to the fiction collection, which involved deselection of outdated and damaged resources, general maintenance and cleaning of the collection, updating catalogue records, and applying new genre stickers to each book. The Secondary School Library was packed up at the conclusion of Term 3 and moved into Tooth Lounge and storage for Term 4. Preparations then began to move the Secondary Library into the Innovation Precinct in early 2023.

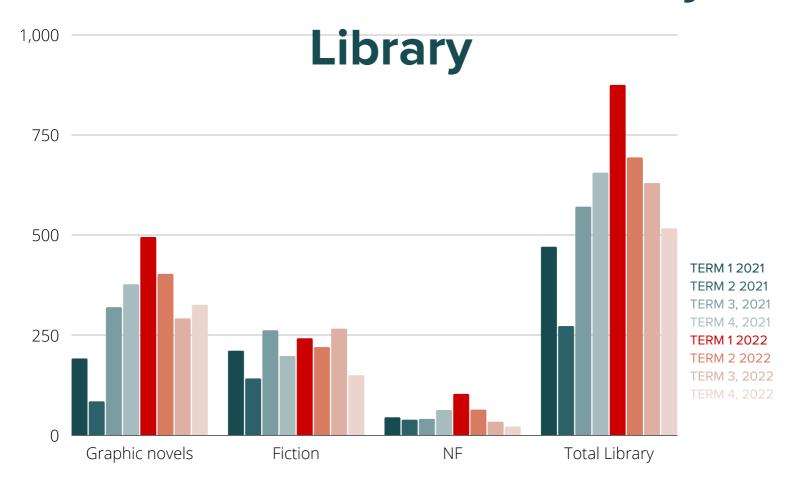
## **Loan Statistics - Junior Library**



#### eBooks and Audiobooks - Junior



### **Loan Statistics - Secondary**



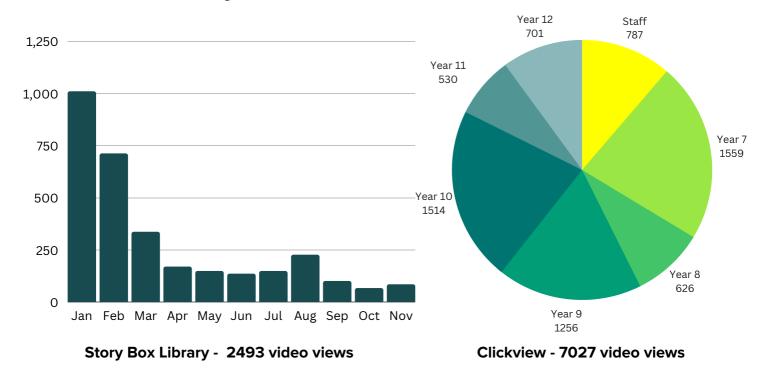
#### eBooks and Audiobooks - Secondary



#### **Statistics**

1383 new resources were added to the Secondary Library (781 in 2021)
853 ebooks and audiobooks were added to the Secondary Library collection.
1340 new resources were added to the Junior Library (1736 in 2021, 823 of which were Readers)
136 new ebooks and audiobooks were added to the Junior Library

Two new subscriptions were provided to staff and students in 2022 - Audiobooks for the Secondary Library and Story Box Library for the Junior Library. Story Box Library was particularly important during the return to remote learning at the start of the year and for supporting our youngest readers. Subscriptions to Britannica School, Clickview, Queensland Museum Loans, TurnItln and the Referencing Generator were maintained for staff and student access.

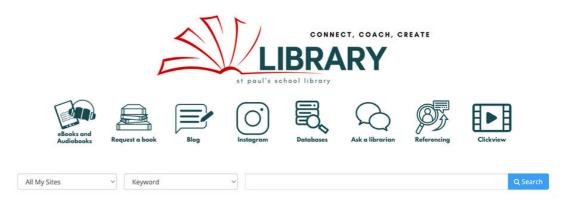


The Junior Library loans increased in 2022 with 35450 loans compared to 30525 loans in 2021. The Junior Library non fiction collection was carefully audited, outdated resources removed and a thorough check of appropriateness was conducted. This lead to the First Nations Resources Masterclasses.

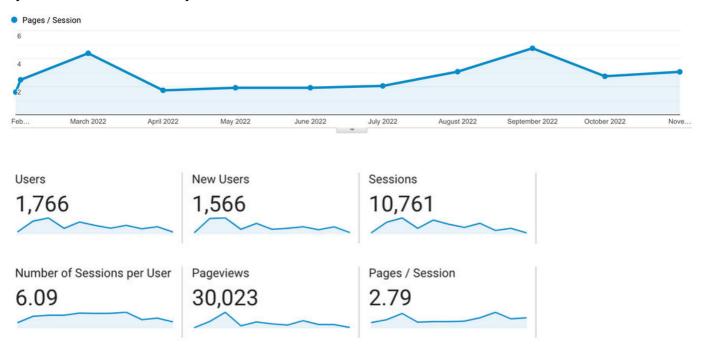
The Secondary School Library has also seen an increase in borrowing, despite remote learning and the majority of the collection being unaccessible during part of Term 3 and Term 4. Total loans for 2022 were 4366 compared to 3676 in 2021. Increases were particularly noticeable in collections that underwent significant redevelopment this year, including graphic novels. The addition of audiobook access for Secondary students and a focus on student-driven collection development has reignited a passion for reading for some students, helped support new book clubs, including The Mind Gym, and ensured the Library is supporting all students, especially those with additional learning needs and EALD students.

#### **Statistics**

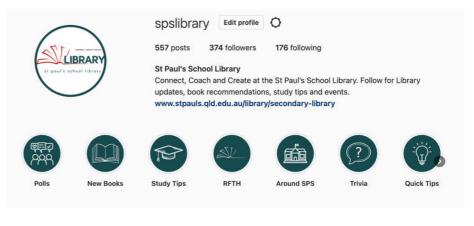
At the start of 2022, three new Library portal homepages were launched for the Secondary Library to highlight quick links to resources and platforms and updated with the Library's new branding.



At the conclusion of 2022 the Library hosts 183 LibPaths, which include homepages, how-to guides for referencing and accessing databases, book club pages, and research guides for all subjects including entrepreneurship, IST, science, and English. These have been accessed over 30,000 times by staff and students this year.



The Library's Instagram account underwent the same brand update and continues to be used to promote and share the Library's activities and events. Followers increased to 374 in 2022 compared to 200 at the end of 2021.



### **Events - Junior Library**

- As part of the Year 5 and 6 Exceed Literature Program, the Junior Library entered an inaugural team in the North Brisbane Regional Reader's Cup competition. This also included entry in the BookLinks story writing competition.
- The Year 4 Reader's Cup team participated in the North Brisbane Teacher Librarians Reader's Cup Competition. These competitions develop and promote reading and team building.
- Author, Charlotte Barkla visited to provide an author talk about her work, reading and writing.
- Selected students from Years 4-7 visited Government House for Children's Week. This was in conjunction with the editorial work students participated in last year.
- Each Friday lunchtime, the Junior Library hosts students from the International School for 'Culture Corner'. The International students have taught the Junior School students many amazing origami creations.
- Book Week was full of great fun and joy. The first Micro Fiction Competition and Poem in Your Pocket Day were held and the culminating activity was a Book Week Concert and activities with school families.
- This year 193 Junior School students participated in the Premier's Reading Challenge.
- The Make, Integrate and Explore (MIE Lab) visited the Year 4 students for Morphing Week with sessions about Scratch titled 'Serious Games'.











## **Events - Secondary Library**









The Secondary Library hosted many events during 2022, including hotly contested trivia competitions each term, Careers Week in Term 2 with guest presentations from experts within the staff group, and Book Week 2022 which featured an author visit by Samera Kamaleddine. This year saw five new groups start hosted or supported by the Library; the Knitting and Crochet group, Dungeon and Dragons groups, the Readers of the Round Table book club, the Library Committee, and the Mind Gym book club for athletes. St Paul's School also entered the Year 7-8 Readers Cup North Brisbane Competition. The Secondary Library hosted three International Study Tour groups for makerspace and robotics activities and held regular library lunchtime activities throughout the year.







#### What's Next

The St Paul's School Library will continue to work towards building a strong reading culture and supporting the school as a Realms of Thinking, Ways of Being school library.

The Junior Library will continue to develop and support teachers in the provision of First Nation resources and education and preparation for the change to the Australian Curriculum v.9

The Library Team will also look for ways to update the Junior Library space, bringing it into alignment with current industry standards and the new space for the Secondary Library, a continuation of the Innovation Precinct space.

In 2023, the Secondary Library will move into the Innovation Precinct. This will see a dramatic change in the flexibility of the Library space and allow for increased services and activities for students, staff and the wider community.

The update of the Secondary Library's collection will continue, with a focus on the non fiction collection to support reading for pleasure, entrepreneurship and creative thinking, and curriculum use and the move to the new Australian Curriculum v.9.

The Library will continue to build online resources to support information literacy and digital literacy and skills, alongside teaching students and supporting staff.



