The Learning Resource Centre

Research guide for Year 11 & 12 students

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Attachments

- Quick reference guide
- Google cheats for advanced users
1. Contact details and opening hours

Email: library@stvincent.nsw.ed.au

Opening hours

Monday-Thursday 8am-4.30pm
Friday 8am-4pm

2. How can the LRC help?

We can help you individually or in groups to

- find suitable resources
- improve research and academic writing skills (including referencing)
- improve study skills
- organise subject-specific peer groups
- organise guided reading groups.

Please contact us by email or ask library staff.

3. Electronic resources

The Learning Resource Centre has available several online databases and resources for student use. They are all accessible from the LRC page on OLiV (OliV/Resources/LRC).

3.1. ClickView

ClickView is used to access video resources. It is installed on all school computers.

See Clickview Guides and Tutorials from the LRC site on OLiV for instructions how to use the software.

You can watch videos at home. Please ask your teacher for a link to a video you wish to watch.

3.2. v-Knowledge (library catalogue)

You can access it only from within the school by going to http://vknowledge/vknowledge.

v-Knowledge searches across a number of databases including the library catalogue, magazine databases such as ANZRC, Britannica Online, Google, Wikipedia, EdNA (Educational Network Australia) and Legal Info. The catalogue provides a ‘one stop shop’ so that you don’t have to spend time searching a number of sources for information.
Many of our Fiction titles have been reviewed by Ms O’Connor and categorised according to the Areas of Study. Use the subject headings Belonging or Change when trying to locate a text. Reviews of novels that have been placed in the various areas can be found in the Notes section on the LRC catalogue.

[HOW TO USE LIBRARY CATALOGUE]

- Go to http://vknowledge/vknowledge/
- Go to the Search Menu, click on the + to get the drop down menu.
- Select Search Areas:
  - Tick or untick the databases you wish to search. SVC Library Catalogue is the default
  - NB If all search boxes are ticked the search may take some time and your results may vary
  - Click on Save.
- Click on Advanced search in the search menu (This is the default).
- Search by Author, Title etc. by clicking on the link that says Author, Title etc. You should then get a pop up box.
- In the Find box, type in your request.
- Click on Find.
  - You will get a list of headings. If you wish to search across more than one heading, click on the Multiple Selection box, hold down the Ctrl key and click on the required headings. Click on OK.
- Click on Search to get your results list.
This gives you access to several databases where newspaper, magazine and journal articles on many topics can be found. The databases can be accessed from home and at school. Many articles are available in full text (i.e. the whole article is available).

**EBSCOhost Web** gives you access to the following databases:

- **ANZRC**: combines Australasian magazines, newspapers, newswires and reference books to create the largest collection of regional full text content available to libraries in Oceania. This database includes leading Australia/NZ periodicals and international periodicals in full text; full text reference books; biographies and images. Articles from the *Sydney Morning Herald* are available here.

- **History Reference Centre**: offers full text from a large range of reference books, encyclopedias and non-fiction books, leading history periodicals, historical documents, biographies of historical figures, historical photos and maps, and historical video recordings.

- **Science Reference Centre**: a comprehensive research database that provides easy access to a multitude of full text science-oriented content. This database contains full text for numerous science encyclopedias, reference books, periodicals, etc. Topics covered include: biology, chemistry, earth and space science, environmental science, health and medicine, history of science, life science, physics, science and society, science as inquiry, scientists, technology and wildlife.

- **Advanced Placement Source**: designed to meet the extensive needs of high school students enrolled in various AP courses. This is especially useful for students studying Extension courses for the HSC.

- **Professional Development Collection**: designed for professional educators, this database provides a highly specialized collection of hundreds of quality education journals, including many peer-reviewed titles. This database also contains educational reports.

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1 Information is based on or adopted from promotional materials provided by EBSCO.
Literary Reference Centre: a comprehensive database providing a broad spectrum of information on thousands of authors and their works across literary disciplines and timeframes. It includes new additions - Poetry and Short Story Reference Centre, and full text of classics.

Points of View: a full-text database designed to provide students with a series of essays that present multiple sides of a current issue. The database provides topics with an overview (objective background/description), point (argument), counterpoint (opposing argument), and Critical Thinking Guide. Topics covered include: affirmative action, cloning, DNA profiling, HIV/AIDS status disclosure, immigration, Iraq, Israel and the Palestinians, nuclear proliferation, separation of church and state, standardized testing, stem cell research, tax cuts and many more.

Australian/New Zealand Points of View: similar to the Points of View but with an Australian and New Zealand focus.

Biography Reference Centre: offers a comprehensive collection of more than 450,000 full-text biographies, including the complete full-text run of Biography Today and Biography, as well as thousands of narrative biographies that are not available in other databases.

NovelList Plus: an online readers’ resource with information on over 250,000 fiction and readable nonfiction titles. In addition, feature content such as lists of award-winning books, Book Discussion Guides, BookTalks, and book lists on high-interest topics are included.

Consumer Health Complete: provides content covering all areas of health and wellness from mainstream medicine to the many perspectives of complementary, holistic and integrated medicine. This full-text database covers topics such as aging, cancer, diabetes, drugs & alcohol, fitness, nutrition & dietetics, children’s health, men and women’s health, etc.

3.4. Infobase Learning (Facts on File)

For Science and reference: contains databases appropriate across the range of science curricula as well as Blooms Literary Reference Online, Writer’s Reference Centre and Chelsea House Biographies Online.

3.5. JSTOR
The database is accessible from within the school and at home.

JSTOR (Journal Storage) is a United States-based online system for archiving academic journals. It provides full-text searches and digitized back issues of several hundred well-known journals, including Australian content. It covers the humanities, social sciences and sciences. JSTOR has a strong academic focus.

3.6. Britannica & Image Quest


Contains millions of rights-cleared images that can be used in the class and for assignments.

3.7. World Book

Username: stvinc
Password: wbook

A comprehensive online encyclopedia with information across all subject areas. Contains:

- World Book Mobile
- World Book Student
- Academic
- World Book Advanced

[ACCESS TO JSTOR]

To access JSTOR you will need to set up your own login via the school’s login.
To do this go to the LRC page on OliV or
http://www.jstor.org/​token/​CeKNs5yWvWx31
Sg8YKJ-​share/​stvincents.nsw.edu.au
On the right hand side of the page you will see a box ‘Register for MyJSTOR’.
Click on Register and fill in the details. You should then have access!
Have a look at a 5 minutes video on searching JSTOR:
http://about.jstor.org/support-training/help/how-search-jstor]
4. Access to resources outside SVC

University libraries

Students in Years 11 and 12 have access to the University of Sydney and the University of New South Wales libraries. Both libraries require annual fees for the service. Application forms for the UNSW Library are available from the LRC. Access to the Sydney University Library can be arranged directly.

Public, State and National Library

Your local library is a good port of call. Many public libraries have special services for HSC students and provide access to databases.

Members of the public can apply for a card to access selected electronic resources and facilities. For more information, see

State Library of NSW-

National Library of Australia -

AustLit

This online database is a major source of information about Australian literature. It ‘supports research in and the teaching of Australian literary, narrative, and print cultures. This site provides authoritative information on creative and critical works by and relating to Australian writers, relevant cultural organisations, and industries’ (http://www.austlit.edu.au/about).

5. Referencing

You will use Harvard referencing system for most subjects, but you may be asked to use Oxford referencing style as well. One-page style guides are available at the LRC. A copy of a Harvard Referencing guide has been included in your handout.

Very good detailed guides for both referencing systems are available from the University of Western Sydney website http://library.uws.edu.au/citing.php?arg=1&p=ofs

[ACCESS TO AUSTLIT]
Go to
http://www.austlit.edu.au/