



Preparatory Library

Who we are

I believe that every boy is a reader and that our purpose is to connect students with the right book as they develop their own reading identity. It is our responsibility to provide a collection of resources that reflect the interests, learning needs and reading abilities of our boys which allow them to inquire into the world around them.

Jason Coleman

Head Librarian Preparatory School

I aim to encourage a lifelong love of reading and learning by introducing boys to different genres and authors and encouraging them to expand their reading habits by exploring new genres. I believe that reading not only improves a child's comprehension, writing and spelling skills, it stimulates their imagination and allows them to see the world through another's eyes. Reading helps develop empathy and allows a child to learn about the world and escape their everyday life without setting a foot outside their front door.

Jan Buchanan

Librarian Preparatory School

Borrowing from the Library

- Students in Reception to Year 4 can borrow 5 items at a time.
- Students in year 5 and 6 can borrow up to 7 items at a time.
- The loan period is for 28 school days unless an item is popular or reserved, in which case the loan period is shortened to 14 school days.
- Our library system will generate an automatic email reminding you to return the book 3 days before it is due.

After the due date another automatic email will be sent to remind you to return the item or pay for the cost of a replacement. If you believe an item has been returned please reply to the email library@pac.edu.au. Each item can be renewed twice unless it is an item that is reserved by another student.

Story Box

Reading aloud to children, in particular by diverse and engaging storytellers, greatly improves language and literacy skills, especially in the early years of a child's development. The Story Box database connects children with literature through film, providing a vibrant, interactive experience from a diverse range of storytellers sharing the best of our Australian children's picture books.

Students can access Story Box on their school ipad.



For the Early Learning Centre

Class rooms from the Early learning Centre visit the library once a week to share stories, nursery rhymes and songs. Our ELC friends are able to borrow 1 book each visit with their class. Classes rotate days and times throughout the year to allow as many students to experience the library as possible. ELC families are encouraged to visit and borrow from the library during opening hours.



Literacy Pro & Lexile Levels

The lexile of a book is calculated by analysing the syntax and semantics of a title and is a measure of how difficult a title may be for a student to comprehend. Students are encouraged to read beyond their lexile range and to find titles that are suitable for their reading age and interests. Literacy Pro is an app developed by Scholastic used in the library to support reading comprehension. Titles that are lexiled may also have a quiz that students can complete using the app after reading the book.

Dyslexia & Reading Support

Books that support readers with dyslexia often have a unique font shape and size. The colour of the pages within the book are tinted to avoid visual stress. Other features of the books in this collection include larger than normal spacing between lines to avoid blurring and thicker than normal paper to stop the words and pictures showing through from other pages. This collection is interfiled to the collection and searchable on the library catalogue.

Research Support

The library subscribes to online databases such as EBSCO, Britannica and LinksPlus. Students are taught how to access and use the databases throughout the school year. The searchable online databases have thousands of teacher-reviewed, approved and annotated web sites.

Students can easily search the database by key word, learning area, subject heading, article identification number. Students can access the library databases from their iPads in the classrooms and at home by going to the library website. The username to login to the databases is your son's student number.

Premier's Reading Challenge

The Premier's Reading Challenge requires students to read 12 books from the 1st of January until the 1st of September each year. Students must read 8 books from a list of titles approved by the challenge and 4 books of their own choice. Rewards for completing the challenge are awarded in late November. The titles on the Premier's Reading Challenge list can be found [here](#).

Forms to complete the challenge can be collected from the library.



Audiobooks and eBooks

The eBook and audiobook collection can be downloaded the app or read using an internet browser. Loans are for 14 days and can be renewed online. The audio and eBook collection can be accessed from the College website:

Important Library Dates

Monday March 22 Grandies Day Book Fair

Wednesday May 19 National Simultaneous Storytime

Monday August 23 Preparatory Book Week Parade

September 1 Premiers Reading Challenge closes