Welcome to the information booklet for the David Wright Library at Oxley College. We hope you can visit us soon and enjoy the many resources available to use in the library, as well as taking advantage of the opportunities to share, communicate and learn about all that our library offers.

The David Wright Library was named after the school’s founding Headmaster and is situated in the very heart of the College. The library is the academic hub of the College with its entrance views to Oxley Hill symbolising our efforts to climb to the highest possible heights of understanding and learning. Construction of our library began in 1995 and the building was officially opened by Dr David Wright on Foundation Day 1996.

Our library is often humming with activity and is used by our students as a meeting place and a place to relax. Students are encouraged to share their ideas, talk about their reading experiences, play games, browse magazines and discover the excitement of learning either with their peers or as a solo adventure!

We can’t wait for you to come and see us in the library. We’re always happy to offer recommendations for your reading and research topics, as well as provide you with guidance on locating information on subjects you’d like to know more about.

Elizabeth Antoniak
Head of Library
**When:**

**Kindergarten - Year 6**

Students visit the library during their regular library classes and may also visit at **lunchtimes** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, as well as after school when they are with their parents.

**Years 7 - 12**

**Mondays to Thursdays** 8.00am - 5.30pm  
**Fridays** 8.00am to 3.30pm

**Who:**

**Head of Library** – Ms Elizabeth Antoniak  
**Library Technicians** – Mrs Penny Everingham and Ms Jenni Rees

Each year we are also assisted by an amazing team of volunteer library monitors recruited from our Year 5 student class.

**What:**

The David Wright Library contains a collection of over 22,000 resources including books, audio books, magazines, references and video. The book collection includes Picture Books, Fiction, Young Adult Fiction, Senior Fiction, Non Fiction and Senior Non Fiction.


**How long:**

The library has a flexible loan limit of **four** books per student and each loan is for **two weeks**. This is to ensure students are able to keep track of their books and easily transport them to and from College. We are happy to extend this loan limit in many cases in order to meet student learning and leisure reading needs.

We encourage students to borrow books for leisure reading during the holidays to emphasise reading as a leisure activity. K – 6 parents can assist their children by ensuring they have their books ready to return on their library day. Students must have a library bag for their books in order to protect their loans from damage.

**Oh no - overdue!**

Emails to families are automatically generated at the **end of each month** listing overdue loans. Overdue loans are also reviewed at the **end of each term** and reminder letters mailed to families requesting return of overdue items. Please contact library staff if you feel you have received an overdue notice in error.

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**Online Resources - A Quick Reference Guide:**

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Please see Library staff if you have any difficulty logging on.
Online Resources:

The Oxley Library website

Our website http://www.oxley.nsw.edu.au/library/library-blog/ is the gateway to all our online resources including the Infiniti library catalogue, Britannica encyclopaedia, the Enhance TV online video collection, the Questia online library/database and our collection of websites.

Infiniti Library Catalogue

The Infiniti Library Catalogue (http://oxleycollege.concordinfiniti.com/) searches most library resources including books, eBooks, websites and Encyclopaedia Britannica articles as well as items from the Bowral and State libraries. Students log on to the Infiniti library catalogue using the same username and password they use to log into the school network and once logged in they can reserve books, view their current loans, and even write book reviews!
Online Video - Enhance TV Direct

Enhance TV Direct (http://direct.enhancetv.com.au/) houses our online collection of educational videos recorded from free-to-air and pay tv. Students in Years 5 to 12 may access these documentaries and films online at anytime using their Oxley College email address as their username. Students should see library staff for the password.

Encyclopaedia Britannica

Information in Encyclopaedia Britannica (http://school.eb.com.au/storeschoolcard?id=oxleynsw) is advertisement free, written by experts and written for students. It offers three levels of information suitable for all our students from Kindergarten to Year 12. Britannica has the added advantage of audio for all articles.

Britannica requires no logon when used at school. At home, your password is your six digit student number. Please email us (library@oxley.nsw.edu.au) if you are unsure of your student number.

Gale Online Reference Library

Gale (http://infotrac.galegroup.com/itweb/64oxley?db=GVRL) is an online library of over 4000 reference books and articles covering many topics and subject areas. It is a powerful, easy to search online library with the added advantage of audio for all the books and articles. No password is needed on school grounds. Log on at home with the password oxley.
Get Booked Up!

Unlike other libraries, where only one or two copies of the most popular books are available, our library contains multiple copies of the books everyone is eager to read. We have many copies of books such as The Fault in our Stars, The 15 Storey Treehouse and Divergent. This is a unique opportunity that has promoted a vibrant reading culture where students discuss and recommend books to each other. View our books on the Booked Up blog: http://oxleybookedup.weebly.com.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge (https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html) is a long running initiative run by the NSW government with the aim of encouraging school students to read. We support the PRC by enrolling all students from Kindergarten to Year 6, supplying all participants with a username and password for the site, and promoting the Challenge in class. Our library Infiniti catalogue contains lists of all the PRC books we have in the library.

Oxley College students who complete the Challenge by mid-August 2016 are invited to celebrate with a barbeque held outside the library in Term 4. Students will receive a PRC participation certificate during school Assembly once results are released.

Book Week and Scholastic Book Fair

Book Fair: Friday 19 August 2016

Book Week Parade: Wednesday 24 August 2016

Each year in Term 3, Kindergarten to Year 6 students celebrate Book Week with a Book Fair and a Parade. These events are exciting occasions where students dress up, and discuss and share books with staff, friends and family. This year the theme is Australia: Story Country and we will dress up and parade along with our favourite Australian books in the Peter Craig Centre. Afterwards we’ll read together and give out book parade and competition prizes.

It is always our pleasure to share books in the library with family and friends following the parade.
For Our Senior Students

Questia School

Questia School (https://www.questiaschool.com/) is a large online library/database of research material for secondary students which includes 83,000 non fictions books and scholarly articles from over 1,000 academic journals. It is a stepping stone for our students towards the academic databases used in Universities, providing quality relevant resources for research in literature, history, business, economics and science. Students in Years 10 to 12 login using their Oxley College email address and the password is oxley.

State Library Membership

The internet puts the vast resources of other libraries and institutions at our fingertips. The State Library in particular offers powerful databases of academic journals and eBooks that are vitally important to senior students, particularly those in Years 11 and 12. Our Senior Research tab provides a link to the State Library’s online membership form as well as links to their most useful databases. On the Oxley College website library page, click on the Senior Research link or go to http://www.oxley.nsw.edu.au/library/research.