
THE PATCH PRIMARY SCHOOL

LIBRARY

Rationale:

By providing access to information, resources and our cultural heritage, the library contributes significantly to the personal development of the child as well as to the school curriculum and school community. Through the development of research and discovery skills and by fostering an enjoyment of literature, the library supports both core and extension activities for all pupils.

Aims:

- To provide and efficiently organise, the resources necessary to enrich the school's educational program.
- To promote reading and to have a plentiful supply of reading material for pupils, teachers and parents.
- To promote an awareness of the wider range of library services available in the community.

Guidelines:

- Students should be instructed in the use of the library and its resources.
- Resources should be efficiently selected, organised and maintained to ensure that they are readily available to all library users.
- Students should be introduced to a wide variety of literature.
- Every effort should be made to provide students with the opportunity to purchase books through the school at the reduced price.
- Students should be made aware of the value of libraries throughout the whole of life.
- The library should be provided with, and employ, appropriate modern facilities including video, computer and other audio-visual equipment to ensure that its own demands and the needs of staff and students are efficiently met.
- Planning and co-operation should be established between class teachers and the librarian.
- Parental involvement in routine procedures of the library should be encouraged.
- Purchase of library material should reflect the Equal Opportunity Policy.

Implementation:

- The non-fiction, picture story, fiction and reference sections of the book stock will be maintained and developed to meet the needs, the curriculum and interests of the children.
- Literature sets are to be maintained and extended in all areas.
- Classroom references are to be maintained.
- New material (book and non-book) will be processed and existing stock repaired when necessary.
- Subscriptions to professional periodicals and children's periodicals will be undertaken as well as general interest magazines.
- Requisites will be available for display and children's activities.

- Library furniture will be maintained.

Evaluation:

- This policy was originally formed, and will be reviewed in consultation with all members of the wider community (all staff, parents, students, and interested members of the community) as part of the school's five - year review cycle.

Principal



School Council President

