

Kempsey High Library

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Dear Reader,

We would like to welcome you to Kempsey High School Library and the senior years of study. We understand that these can be busy and exciting times and want to take this opportunity to share some of the ways in which we are here to support students, parents and carers on this learning journey.

We include parents and carers in this communication because we understand that this journey is shared by all family members. Research tells us that when parents and carers are engaged in their child's learning, educational outcomes and a young person's wellbeing are improved.¹

Research also tells us that the more the Library is used the higher the achievement of the students.²

We'd like to take this opportunity to highlight the programs, facilities and resources available at KHS Library and to encourage you to tell us how we can further support everyone on this learning journey.

If you would like any additional information please contact us.

Warm Regards

The Library Team

¹ <https://www.education.gov.au/parent-engagement-research>

² Report, ACER Research, Dr M Lonsdale.
<http://www.acer.edu.au/documents/schoollibraries.pdf>



Essential Information

Staff

Teacher Librarian

Linda Sneddon

Library Assistants

Leanne Williams

Annette Mayhew

Opening Times

Library Opening Hours

Before School from 8:30am

Recess 2

Lunch

Study Periods and Tutorials

Homework Centre – Tuesday
and Thursday - 3:30-5pm

After Hours Online Access

Login to Student Portal KHS

Library link to view catalogue
and access e-resources

Research and study skills help is always available

**Libraries are more than a
space to hold
resources.....they are a
space to foster innovation
and promote excellence.**

Programs

Information Services – Why come to the library? Senior students' gain lifelong learning skills when they are supported on the information to knowledge journey.

Leadership opportunities– Why be a leader? Student leaders in cooperative learning teams; eg, SRC and study groups, do better

Student Wellbeing – Why does resilience matter? Developing strategies for dealing with life's challenges helps students understand themselves and grow as caring members of our community and as global citizens.

Facilities

We offer a variety of specialist learning areas to facilitate different teaching and learning styles including:

- Large Senior Learning Area with subject specific resources
- Media Room with interactive digital whiteboard and video conferencing equipment, enabling Webinars and virtual excursions
- Computer kiosks connected to a printer
- Small Learning Areas for individual and group work
- Mezzanine Senior Study Area with KLAAS teacher support

Resources

Professionally qualified, trained and committed staff are available in the Library to help with all our student and staff needs and we are committed to helping our students gain the best results possible in their HSC.

The Library has an extensive collection of quality resources selected by trained staff in consultation with teaching staff ² These include:

- Print resources including books and magazines
- E-resources – ClickView Digital Video Library (accessed via the school portal at home or at school)
- Additional e-resources – via personal membership at Kempsey Shire Library. Access to a wide variety of online resources including encyclopaedias and journals
- Technology hardware and software to support learning – technology includes computers, video and still cameras, digital interactive whiteboard

Specialist Services in the Library

As part of a holistic approach to learning and thinking beyond school, KHS Library users also have access to:

Careers Advice
Senior Study Area and access to Teacher Support (KLAAS)
Homework Centre – Access to specialist teacher support in a small group setting

Educational Outcomes

Better student results are achieved when the Library is at the centre of teaching and learning. This is achieved through:

- A print rich Library collection
- Integration of Library with class work
- A strong computer network
- Committed, qualified Library staff
- A calm & supportive environment
- High Library usage

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We encourage students to feel welcome and make the most of the wonderful programs, facilities and resources we have to share.

