Mansfield Primary School
Library Policy

BASIC BELIEF
The library at Mansfield Primary School will provide a stimulating environment where children will develop an understanding of the educational and recreational potential and uses of libraries. The library will operate as an integral component of the total curriculum and provide resource support to the entire school community.

IMPLEMENTATION
- Grades will be timetabled to attend regular library lessons. Students will be encouraged to use the library at other available times.
- A sequential program of literature, information and information technologies skills will operate for all students.
- An ongoing process of evaluating and reporting on student achievement will be implemented.
- The library will be open for borrowing at convenient times for students, staff and parents.
- The library will offer a recreational lunchtime program where possible.
- The library will provide a wide range of resources including books, reference materials, non-book materials, audio-visual collections, on-line access and computer software resources.
- Where possible the library will be operated by a qualified teacher-librarian.
- The librarian will liaise with staff members to meet the specific needs of all school programs and professional development focuses.
- The purchase of resources will reflect the above needs.
- An annual budget including program evaluation, future recommendations and prioritised required resources will be developed by the librarian.
- Parents will be requested to contribute towards the cost of damaged or lost resources.

This policy was ratified by the Mansfield Primary School Council on – 4/5/09

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