Helping your son find the fun in reading
Who we are

The Brother Dwyer Memorial Library provides the students of St Patrick’s College with a vast array of fiction and non-fiction material including research material for assessment tasks.

We endeavour to add new popular books to our catalogue as soon as they are released.

If you or your son have any questions or just need help finding the right book please ask our wonderful library staff.

We are open on school days

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 7:30 to 4:30
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Literacy in Boys

The importance

Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him – Maya Angelou

Reading helps all aspects of learning

Reading is a skill building tool that improves vocabulary, memory, thinking and concentration. Your son can never be bored when there is a good book to read. In this digital age a break from the hi-tech world can help your son calmly recharge his personal battery. No book or magazine is better than any other book or magazine if your son is reading.

The Joy of Reading

There is more treasure in books than in all the pirate’s loot on Treasure Island” - Walt Disney

Books can excite you, make you think, cause you to cry or laugh out loud.
What can you do to help?

Show that you are genuinely interested in reading.

Read often and read aloud. This sets a great example.

Have lots of reading choices available. Comics, magazines, newspapers, joke books, non-fiction or your favourite novels.

Turn off the TV and computers and have family reading time.

Take your son to the museum and encourage him to read the information about the displays.

Play Scrabble, Boggle or Upwords.

Have family discussions about the books that you are reading. Let their imaginations take over the story.

Talk about the books that you read as a child and encourage that they give them a go.

Join the Council Library, venture into secondhand bookstores.

Try websites like Goodreads to see what everyone else is reading.

How to choose a book

The Library

The Library can be a puzzling space for a new user. So many books to choose from and they can be hard to find if you don’t know the tricks.

Encourage your son to seek help from our wonderful staff who are always happy to help.

Is it a good book?

Read the back of the book. Has it sparked any interest? Have friends read it? Have you read any books by this author and enjoyed them? Is the print easy to read? Do you know the meanings of the words on the page? Read the first 10 pages and see if it makes you want to keep reading.

The 5 Finger Rule

Pick up a book that interests you and open to any page. For each word that is not understood raise a finger. If you have raised 5 fingers by the time, or before, you finish the page this book it is too hard.
Fiction

Great books by great people with great imaginations

Our Library has a vast collection of fiction novels for readers of all ages. From Boy Wizards to Sporting Heroes to Secret Agents to Dragons to Bear Grylls we can offer your son the chance to jump into new worlds and experience amazing adventures.

“Reading fiction is an experience that builds empathy, enables us to experience a range of emotions, fires the imagination, entertains and helps develop language skills – Margarita Morris

Fiction – good places to start

Fantasy

Artemis Fowl series by Eion Colfer.
Ranger’s Apprentice series by John Flanagan.
Redwall series by Brian Jacques
Narnia series by CS Lewis
Series of Unfortunate Events by Lemony Snicket
Dragonkeeper series by Carole Wilkinson
Discworld by Terry Pratchett
Underland Chronicles by Suzanne Collins

Toshi series by Anna Fienberg
Keys to the Kingdom by Garth Nix
Deltora Quest by Emily Rodda
Inheritance Trilogy by Christopher Paolini
Harry Potter series by J K Rowling
Lord of the Rings/The Hobbit by J R R Tolkien
The Quest for Arthur series by Donna Hosie
Merlin series by Various Authors
Celestial battle series by Kylie Chan
Millennium’s rule series by Trudi Canavan
Empire trilogy by Janny Wurts
Ship Kings by Andrew McGahan
Elementals series by Brigid Kemmerer
Septimus Heap series by Angie Sage
The Wheel of Time series by Robert Jordan
Rift Runners series by Jennifer Fallon
Bartimaeus trilogy by Jonathon Stroud
Belgariad series by David Eddings
Hidden series by Lian Tanner
Gladiator series by Simon Scarrow
How to Train Your Dragon series by Cressida Cowell
Fighting Fantasy series by various authors
**Crime/Thriller**

Sherlock Holmes by Arthur Conan Doyle
Alex Rider series by Anthony Horowitz
Cherub series by Robert Muchamore
Alex Cross/Michael Bennett series by James Patterson
Dirk Pitt series by Clive Cussler
Cormoran Strike series by Robert Galbraith
Bones series by Kathy Riehs
Harry Bosch series by Michael Connelly
Jack Reacher series by Lee Childs
Boy Soldier series by Andy McNab
City Trilogy by Darren Shan
Camel Club series by David Baldacci
Millennium series by Stieg Larsson
Scarpetta series by Patricia Cornwell
The Squad series by Tom Palmer
Conspiracy 365 series by Gabrielle Lord
No 1 Ladies Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith
Various titles by John Grisham
Various titles by Jeffery Archer
Various titles by Ken Follett
Various titles by Robert Ludlum
Various titles by Chris Ryan
Various titles by Matthew Reilly

**Science-Fiction**

The Robot series by Isaac Asimov
Enders Game series by Orson Scott Card
Jake in Space series by Candice Lemon-Scott
Star Wars series by various authors
Divergent series by Veronica Roth
Maze Runner series by James Dashner
The Last Thirteen series by James Phelan
The Hunger Games series by Suzanne Collins
Reboot series by Amy Tintera
The Missing series by Margaret Haddix
Uglies series by Scott Westerfield
Various titles by H G Wells
Gone series by Michael Grant
Lorien Legacies series by Pittacus Lore
Survivor Trilogy by Morgan Rice
Leviathan series by Scott Westerfield
Lost World Circus by Justin D’Ath
Maximum Ride series by James Patterson
Various titles by Brian Falkner
Time Riders series by Alex Scarrow
Star Quest series by Del Merrick
Star Fighters by Max Chase

Titles in blue are for Senior readers
**Sport Fiction**

Jake Maddox series by Scott Welvaert

Takeaway sports series by Raewyn Caisley

Football academy series by Tom Palmer

Specky Magee series by Felice Arena/Gary Lyon

The Kaboom Kid series by David Warner

Glenn Maxwell series by Glenn Maxwell

Billy Slater Presents series by Patrick Loughlin

Footy Dreaming by Michael Hyde

Tiny Timmy series by Tim Cahill

Bad Boyz series by Alan Durant

League of Legends series by Michael Panckridge

Diary of a Sportstar series by Shamini Flint

Maxx Rumble series by Michael Wagner

Stuff Happens series by various authors

Goal! series by Robert Rigby

Paul Faustino series by Mal Peet

Total Football series by Alan Gibbons

Footy Fables by Susan Hirsch

Toby Jones series by Michael Panckridge

The team series by David Bedford

Sports Illustrated series by Scott Ciencin

Jasper Zammit series by Deborah Abela

Change the Game series by Michael Hyde

Toocool series by Phil Kettle

**Humour**

Middle School series by James Patterson

Discworld series by Terry Pratchett

Various titles by Andy Griffiths

Various titles by Morris Gleitzman

Various titles by David Walliams

Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce

Shades of Grey series by Jasper Fforde

The Princess Bride by William Goldman

Treasure Hunt series by James Patterson

Hitchhikers Guide by Douglas Adams

Hank Zipzer series by Henry Winkler

Tom Gates series by Liz Pichon

The World of Norm by Jonathan Meres

The Loser List series by H N Kowitt

Diary of a Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney

Fudge series by Judy Blume

Various titles by Roald Dahl

Dead! series by Moya Simons
**Real Life Stories**

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Raging Bull  by Gorden Tallis & Mike Colman
Messi  by Luca Caioli
Rafa  by Rafael Nadal and John Carlin
Steve Jobs  by Walter Isaacson
Mud, Sweat and Tears  by Bear Grylls

*Non Fiction Good Reads*

Great Australian World Firsts  by C Spicer
Sophie, Dog Overboard  by Emma Pearse
Soldier Dogs  by Maria Goodavage
The Big Book of Facts  by Brian Williams
Can you survive? series  by various authors
Red Dog  by Louis De Bernieres & Alan Baker

**Lost in the Amazon**  by Stephen Kirkpatrick
**Legends series**  by Anthony Horowitz
Various titles by Jackie French
**The Story of Mummies**  by Penny Clarke
100 Facts on Pirates  by Andrew Langley
Do Not Open  by John Farndon
A wacky guide to outdoor fun  by Alan Snow

**Non-Fiction**

*Books about Sport*

BMX freestyle  by Ray McClellan
1000 facts on sport  by Christopher Rigby
Extreme Surf  by Benjamin Marcus
Rugby Union  by Peter Johnson
Rugby Backline Play  by RJP Marks
Cricket  by Chris Oxlade
V8 Supercars  by Gordon Lomas
Fishing for Beginners  by Andrew Ettingshausen
Offensive Soccer Tactics  by Jens Bangsbo
Bob Woolmer on Batting  by Bob Woolmer
Fishing for Dummies  by Steve Starling
Planes, Bikes, Trains and Cars

- Hot Bikes by Hugo Wilson
- Cool Cars by Quentin Wilson
- You Must be Skidding by Tony Davis
- 365 Cars You Must Drive by Matt Stone
- Concept Cars by Jonathon Wood
- Road and Rail Transportation by H Williams
- Car Crazy by Clive Gifford
- Air and Space Travel by Chris Woodford
- Airplanes by Steve Parker
- Top Gear 100 Fastest Cars

The Interesting and Yucky Stuff

- Horrible Histories/Horrible Science series
- From the Science Museum series
- Fun jokes for Kids
- 100 weirdest facts
- The amazing world of mummies
- Oh yikes!: histories grossest, wackiest moments
- The Big Books of Facts
- I’m 9 and I’ve farted 46,021 times
- Creepy Crawlies
- 40 Cool Science Tricks

AND SO MUCH MORE!