

CSU library extensions

The opening of a \$4.2 million building extension, which almost doubles the size of the University's Truskett Library at Bathurst, emphasises the commitment to the new 'information highway', according to Margaret Macpherson, executive director of the Division of Library Services.

Special features of the extension include six group study rooms, an online search room, a reader education room, viewing rooms, a loading dock, and increased photocopying and computer facilities.

Charles Sturt University has libraries in three towns serving 18 000 customers, including students, staff and general community, lending 474 000 items each year and holding over 450 000 monographs, 4 450 current serial titles and 115 000 non-book items. The architects responsible for the design of the extensions at Bathurst were careful to continue the lines and materials of the original building.



Common commitment

Nola Smolders looks at the Aboriginal perspectives resource collection

What do Marian College, Sunshine, Sancta Sophia, Glenroy, Siena, Camberwell, John Paul, Frankston and Sacred Heart in Geelong all have in common? These five colleges have been selected, because of their commitment to the inclusion of Aboriginal perspectives in the curriculum, and for geographical reasons, as part of a Melbourne-wide network to hold the Aboriginal Perspectives Resource Collection.

Funded by the Catholic Education Office under the guidance of Sue Taffe, convener of the Aboriginal Perspectives Secondary Network, an initiative has been taken to support resource-based teaching and learning about our Koorie people across the school curriculum.

This means these five colleges have been asked to provide a library area to house and display a range of current Aboriginal resources for use in classrooms. There is a wide range of fiction titles, non-fiction works, kits, ephemeral materials and videos designed to assist teachers in exploring with students the distinct cultures of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

If it is true that a picture is worth a thousand words, then consider the value of a video about an Aboriginal topic produced by or in conjunction with Aboriginal people. Indeed, this collection has been carefully selected with the input of Koorie educators from organisations such as the Victorian Aboriginal Education Association Inc and the Aboriginal Catholic Ministry.

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