



I believe that school libraries and teacher-librarians are the backbone of literacy programs within NSW primary schools. Our teacher-librarian provides a direct link between quality literature and our students, their parents and their teachers. Our teacher-librarian is an inspirational, informed educator who lights the literary 'fire' in our children. I have witnessed over many years the way that this is achieved in weekly, timetabled library sessions. This period of time has seen an evolution in the approach taken by our teacher-librarian to meet the changing needs of students. The most innovative changes in recent years has been the way technology has been embedded into sessions provided by our teacher-librarian. This development has been an outstanding motivator for students and an outstanding exemplar to classroom teachers of the way in which technology can be incorporated into best classroom practice. Removal of this role would seriously affect the morale and professional development of staff.

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