LIBRARY RESOURCES FOR PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. CURRICULUM COLLECTION

This is a special collection of teaching resources for QUT’s education students, and is especially useful during your professional experience. The collection also provides support for your curriculum subjects.

You can find fiction in every genre and for every age group from infants to young adults. This includes picture books, plays, big books, graphic novels/ manga and audio/multimedia books. There’s also a wealth of engaging, colourful material to borrow on every possible subject – textbooks, information books, games and puzzles, LEGO kits, DVDs, charts, puppets and musical instruments.

Whatever you need for your classroom activities – it’s there!

Even better, you can borrow what you need, secure in the knowledge that it’s yours to use for a full 42 days – that is, the Library guarantees that Curriculum Collection items won’t be recalled while you are away on professional experience.

2. LIBRARY SEARCHING – Using the Catalogue

The Library catalogue’s ‘Advanced’ search option will help you to identify resources to use with your students in the classroom. Use the ‘Limit search by’ to limit to the Kelvin Grove Curriculum Collection (Level 4, D block extension of the Library). You can also use the Format option to find charts, DVDs, models, etc.

Be sure to read the tips on how to construct a keyword search, for example, quotation marks (“...... ......”) for a phrase; the truncation sign (*) to retrieve variations of a word from its stem.

QUT Library Catalogue search – using the ‘Advanced Search’ tab for the keywords “life cycle” AND tadpole* OR caterpillar* will search for items with the phrase “life cycle” and tadpole, tadpoles, etc. or caterpillar, caterpillars, etc.

Tip: Check out the subject headings in each catalogue record – these are a great way to navigate to similar resources.

Tip: If you know the name of a series but not individual titles, use the basic keyword option.

For example, the keyword search “Aussie bites” will retrieve all the titles held.

Tip: If you are looking for fiction, and know the author, you can browse the Library’s shelves by author, as the call number begins with the first letter of the author’s surname.

3. STUDYWELL RESOURCES

Studywell offers a wealth of resources, including assistance with time management, reading and notetaking, researching, writing, referencing, presenting and exam preparation. There are links to guides on grammar, how to take notes, write anything from a report to an assignment as well as a link to the VARK “how do I learn best” site and small test. All these are free resources. Studywell also includes links to QUT cite|write and StudySmart.

4. LIBRARY SUBJECT GUIDES

There are many useful guides to help you find information quickly on lesson plans, curriculum, subjects you may have to teach, surviving your first internship. Here is a list of the ones most likely to be of help to you when you are out in the professional observing or teaching:

GENERAL GUIDES:

Resources For Practising Teachers – http://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/teachers
SUBJECT GUIDES:
History – http://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/history
Geography – http://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/geography
Design and Technology Education – http://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/design_technology_education
Primary Education – http://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/physicaleducation
TESOL – http://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/tesol
The Arts in Schools – http://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/teaching_the_arts

PRAC RESOURCES WIKI:
Set of free quality internet resources out on the web categorised by age level and subject level but includes some good resources on lesson planning. http://libguides.library.qut.edu.au/childrensliterature

5. CHAT AND HELP WHEN YOU ARE OUT ON PRAC/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

QUT Library offers a ‘Chat’ service to provide instant help when you are away from personal assistance at the University: http://www.library.qut.edu.au/help/

Alternatively, you can email your question to the AskQUT service, also available via the above link. Don’t forget that the Library is open on the weekends – just check our opening hours on QUT Library’s web page.