



Informit launches new Australian database

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Informit launches Informit Explore: the first Australian research and learning database designed specifically for secondary schools and public libraries

After the successful completion of the 2023 pilot, Informit is proud to celebrate the launch of Informit Explore in 2024 - the first major Australian research and learning database designed specifically for secondary schools and public libraries.

Developed in partnership with the Australian Council for Education Research (ACER) and aligned with the Australian Curriculum, Informit Explore offers ready-made teaching and learning tools that guide students and lifelong learners towards reputable, trusted sources of information that combat misinformation and encourage critical thinking.

Emma Juniper, Director of Informit, emphasises that this new resource was developed to broaden access to the authoritative content that Informit makes available to university and government libraries, but in an age-appropriate and accessible way.

'By broadening access to Informit's authoritative, Australian content we actively support smaller community-based and

school libraries in their efforts to combat the spread of misinformation. Informit Explore not only provides students and lifelong learners with essential tools for active learning but also cultivates the critical thinking skills necessary for future success in higher education or in the workplace,' Juniper says.

Key Features of Informit Explore:

Australian-centric content: Authoritative, Australian-focused multimedia content is expertly curated by Informit's editorial team and categorised into topics with assigned reading levels and discussion prompts. Informit Explore's user-friendly interface features a broad selection of Australian publications, including journals such as Meanjin, The Monthly, Metro Magazine, The Big Issue and many more.

First Nations focus: With a proud First Nations focus, the platform offers an extensive collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait publications, all in the one place.

Issue-based learning: Informit Explore offers a unique approach to learning by providing a topical-based starting point for students and lifelong learners to explore a range of views to better understand the issues affecting Australia, from climate change, to fake news, body image and more.

Key Benefits of Informit Explore:

Protects against misinformation: Informit Explore equips users with the tools to develop the critical thinking skills that are essential in today's information age.

Develops understanding of important issues: By using trusted sources, Informit Explore fosters a deeper understanding of Australian-focused issues, empowering users to engage meaningfully with complex topics.

Enhances digital literacy: Informit Explore guides students to develop the key research skills required to bridge the gap between the university and school experience.

Pru Mitchell, Manager of Information Services at the Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER), commends Informit for its commitment to this new platform, *'Australian-centric resources, including an extensive collection of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander publications, is just one reason Informit Explore could be a gamechanger for Australian schools and students,'* Mitchell says.

Previously, many students, schools and public libraries may have been forced to rely on United States' research databases.

'Informit Explore is a crucial lifeline for schools, saving time, providing essential resources, and offering access to Australian content and trusted sources, which is vital for teaching in an Australian context,' Mitchell says.

For lifelong learners and active citizens alike, Informit Explore will empower a new generation of scholars, researchers, and learners.

Librarians and educators interested in experiencing the potential of Informit Explore can sign up for a free trial today.

Don't miss this opportunity to be one of the first to trial this new Australian learning resource.

For more information or to start your free trial, visit the links below:

Explore for Secondary Schools: [about.informit.org/explore/schools](https://informit.org/explore/schools)

Explore for Public Libraries: [about.informit.org/explore/libraries](https://informit.org/explore/libraries)

[Watch our 'how-to use Informit Explore' video](#)

About Informit: Informit, owned and operated by RMIT University, is Australia's largest digital research database focused on the humanities and social sciences, housing a significant collection of authoritative Australasian content. For over 30 years, Informit has partnered with publishers and libraries, becoming an essential resource for research, scholarly, and library communities. With a mission to foster diversity in publishing and promote critical thinking, Informit is dedicated to empowering researchers and learners with the knowledge and tools to explore the crucial issues affecting us all.



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