

# SENIOR SECONDARY RESOURCE GUIDE

## RESOURCES IN HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

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### DIGITAL RESOURCES

Joondalup Libraries subscribe to three databases (collections of articles from sources such as journals, newspapers or conference proceedings) and an encyclopaedia in the HASS subject area.

The resources are:

#### **Informit**

A collection of Australian databases. Search across all databases or refine your search to limit it to Social Sciences, the Indigenous Collection or Families & Society, all of which may contain relevant material.

#### **ProQuest Research Library**

An international database, with information across all fields of knowledge. Ideal for secondary students. Includes Australian content from major sources, but some topics may be better searched for in Informit.

#### **ProQuest Central – subject-specific databases**

Includes subject-specific databases in History, Social Sciences, News, Careers and Business. A great place to look if ProQuest Research Library has little relevant material. The collection is easily accessed from the Research Library or select the Social Science subject grouping to select a specific database.

#### **Britannica Library (encyclopaedia)**

Journal articles can also be found on Britannica Library online.

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### ACCESSING DIGITAL RESOURCES

You will need a library membership and an account password to access each of these resources. If you are not a library member you can [join online](#).

All digital resources are accessed through the [Library Catalogue](#). From the Catalogue:

1. Select [All online resources](#)
2. Sign in to your library account, and then select Home
3. Browse until you find the resource you need, or use the Subject Category to refine the list of resources.

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## SEARCH TECHNIQUES

Searching the digital resources is easy. All databases default to a simple search – enter terms that are of interest and see what is found. For example, enter the name of a topic, for example “bush fire” and a geographical descriptor such as “Australia” to get started.

If you find too many or too few articles you will need to narrow or broaden your search.

Narrowing your search will usually require you to add something to your search, for example an additional search term, or use a method of further filtering your results. Ways of narrowing your search include:

- Filter your results by date, for example you may be interested in the trends in Australia’s exchange rate over the last 10 years, so after searching for “exchange rate” and “Australia” you can then restrict your results to the last ten years.
- Add more information to your search, for example adding “Victoria” if a search on bush fire returns too many hits.
- Remove article types that aren’t of interest, for example removing “news articles” because there are many repeats of the same brief article.
- Add an extra search facet, such as adding “engineers” to a search on High Court, “phase” to a search on business cycle or “British” to a search on imperialism.

Ways of broadening your search include:

- Use synonyms or different forms of language – often the easiest way of doing this is to use the Advanced search feature, list synonyms in a search box and set it to search for ‘any’ of the listed terms.
- Remove the name of a specific person and search only on the theory/topic/movement they are associated with. Many articles refer to numerous people and sometimes they may not all be listed in the indexing information of an article.

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## WEBSITE LINKS

Access to a variety of content-rich, free Internet resources is available through the City of Joondalup website. Pages of links to selected resources in a variety of subject areas can be accessed [here](#).

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## PRINT RESOURCES

### ATAR REVISION AND EXAM PREPARATION GUIDES

The Joondalup Reference Library holds copies of:

#### Accounting and Finance

- Study Guide (Academic Associates)
- Exam Questions (Creelman)

#### Economics

- Study Guide (Academic Associates)

- Exam Questions (Creelman)

#### Geography

- A student's guide to the year 12 Geography examination (Geographical Association of Western Australia)
- Exam Questions (Creelman)

#### Politics and Law

- Exam Questions (Creelman)
- Examination Good Answers Guide (Political and Legal Educators' Association of WA)

All revision materials are relevant to the current ATAR curriculum and are available for use in the Reference Library.

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#### BOOKS

The Joondalup Reference Library collects works in all areas of the HASS curriculum and new works are added in all HASS subjects each year.

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#### REFERENCE SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

All of Joondalup Libraries' branches have study spaces for students, and scanning, printing and copying services. Joondalup Library's Reference section also has two study rooms available.

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#### CONTACT US

For further information about the contents of this leaflet, research presentations for senior school students, or assistance using the online resources or library catalogue please contact the Reference Library on 9400 4740.