Databases for HSC Students

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You can use most of our electronic resources from home. Many of these resources will take you to articles on a variety of topics.

Go to our home page, click on Log in to the database you want to use, entering your Library card number.

Or you can go to to get started.

PROQUEST

What is Proquest
Proquest is recommended for: Modern and Ancient History (Extension and Standard), English, Society and Culture, and Family and Community Studies.

ProQuest provides online access to a wide range of international journal articles and information covering social sciences and humanities, education, law, criminology, film studies, health, medicine, accounting and economics, business, management, drug information, and sport.

Relevant Databases
Proquest Research Library, Proquest Social Science journals, Proquest Historical Newspapers
Proquest also includes access to newspapers from the United States, England, Scotland, Ireland and India, through Proquest Historical Newspapers, these papers cover the years 1791-2007 and can provide you with first hand accounts of historical, political and social events. Proquest also includes Australia and New Zealand Newsstand for current Australian newspapers.

Search Tips
Enter your search terms, and be as specific as possible. If you only want to find full text articles tick the full text box.
Combine search terms with AND, OR and NOT to focus your search. To search for a phrase of more than two words, use quotation marks. Select the advanced search to narrow your search further. You can select a database relevant to your query and specify a date range by choosing the drop down arrow and selecting a date range that is relevant.

**JSTOR**

*What is JSTOR*

JSTOR is recommended for students studying Modern & Ancient History, Society & Culture, Family & Community Studies and anything to do with social sciences. JStor is particularly useful for history and extension students.

The JSTOR database is an electronic archive providing full text of back copies of non-current issues of over 1000 scholarly journals, 1 million images, letters, and other primary sources across over forty disciplines, mainly in the social sciences and humanities. You will not find newspapers and popular magazine articles in this database.

*Search Tips*

Type any keywords that describe your topic in the search box. Click on advanced search if you want other options. If you want to narrow your search, click on the small empty boxes beside all the disciplines that apply to your topic eg. Art & Art History.

In the Advanced search screen, you can search in five different ways.

- **Full-Text** will search for the entered word/term throughout the article; in the title, text, and even the subject of the article (Each article may have one or more subject terms)
- **Author** searches for the author
- **Item title** searches for the entered words only in the title of the article.
- **Abstract** will search for the entered terms within the abstract, and **Caption** performs an image search. Searches for the entered words only within the caption, therefore it will limit your search to only articles with pictures.

**INFORMIT**

*What is Informit*

Informit is recommended for students studying Australian topics. It is particularly useful for Society & Culture, History & Indigenous studies.

Informit is an Australian database for subjects such as Arts, History, Indigenous & Social Sciences. Articles date from 1970 to the present.

*Relevant Databases*

Useful databases include MAIS-Multicultural Australia and Immigration Studies, FAMILY- Australian Family & Society Abstracts Database and APA-FT Australian Public Affairs Information Service.

*Search Tips*

Click on select all to search across all subject areas and then click on continue.

Click in the box to search for complete articles (not just a summary).