



Inquiry into school libraries and teacher librarians in Australian schools

As an employee of a very large private school and past President of a P&C and current parent of teenage sons at a state high school, I feel qualified to give my opinion on the inquiry into school libraries.

1. There is major inequality between the state high schools and the private high schools, both in funding resources and staffing.

My observations and comparisons:

Private schools – hours open 7am – 5pm and sometimes open on the weekend

Open at lunch times

Staffing: 2 library aides, 1 teacher librarian, 1 reference librarian, 1 head of library

Public schools – hours 8.40am – 3pm never open on weekends not open at lunchtimes or morning tea

1.5 teacher librarians

It really does come down to funding.