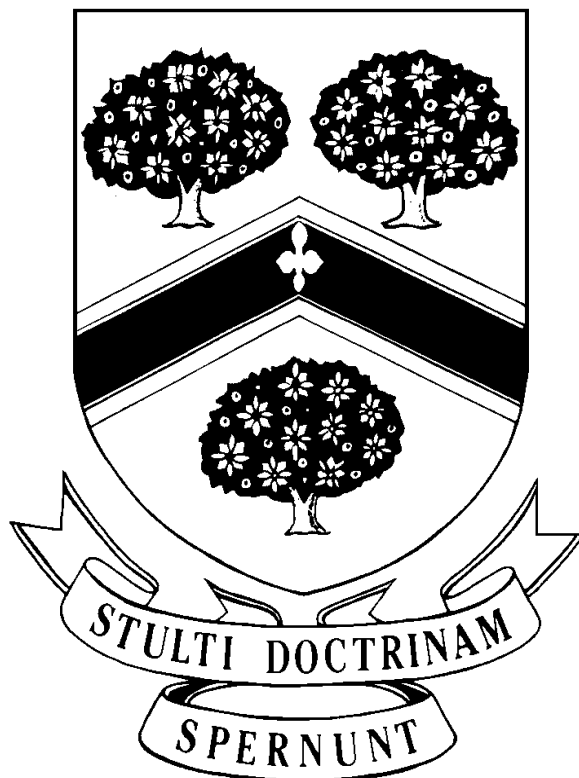


THORNTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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POLICY FOR THE SCHOOL LIBRARY

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PRINCIPLE

The School Library will play a role in contributing to the school's aim of providing all pupils with the opportunity to develop their full potential.

AIMS

- To provide books and other resources to support the school's curriculum at all levels of pupils' abilities, and make those materials easily available to users as individuals or as groups.
- To develop information retrieval skills so that pupils become capable of independent learning.
- To participate in the development of reading skills through a wide range of stimulating materials.
- To support the school's philosophy and its cultural identity.
- To ensure that the library is responsive to the equal opportunity needs of all pupils.

OBJECTIVES

- The library is a whole school resource and will seek to attain Department for Education standards for school libraries.
- The library will be available for use by pupils and staff throughout the school day and will be supervised by the librarian or another appropriately qualified person whilst it is open for use.
- The resources will be organised to allow easy access for pupils and demonstrate the principles by which data is categorised and resources classified.
- The resources will be up-to-date, relevant, attractive and suitable for all academic abilities. They will reflect the needs of pupils taking into account cultural diversity and equal opportunities.
- There will be a programme for developing library skills throughout the pupil's school life in order to respond to changing needs.
- Departmental staff will provide opportunities to pupils for library research in order to fulfil National Curriculum requirements.
- The librarian will attend Head of Department and Curriculum Working Party meetings to keep abreast of school developments which have library resource implications.
- Adequate funding will be available to maintain resources in good condition and respond to curriculum changes.

- The library will be maintained as comfortable place to study and an interesting place for recreational reading.
- The library will offer pupils facilities for using information and communication technology.
- The librarian will maintain links with outside agencies for the purpose of accessing other sources of information.

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