ABOUT THE SURVEY

Every few years we ask students and staff what they think about the Library – what they value, what we are doing well and where we could improve.

The last survey in 2019 resulted in increased group study spaces and upgraded equipment, replacement of worn desk chairs, and extended 24/7 opening hours across all branches.

Since then the world has changed dramatically and ensuring that Library services are fit for purpose is more important than ever.

The Flinders University Library ranks in the first quartile of 19 benchmarked university libraries.

This brochure outlines the key findings and the actions planned by the Library in response to the feedback and as part of the Library’s strategy of continuous improvement.
**WHAT STUDENTS AND STAFF TOLD US**

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- Online resources are useful and library information resources enable study success
- Printing, scanning and photocopy facilities
- Access to library services and resources away from campus

**Where we can improve**
- Providing quiet places to study
- Making topic readings easy to find
- Access to topic specific resources, e.g. textbooks
- Laptop facilities, e.g. power points, desks

**HOW WE ARE RESPONDING**

**What we have already done**
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- E-preferred collection policy
- Collaboration with topic coordinators around assigned resources

**What we have planned**
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- Streamlined single sign on for online resources
- “Follow me” printing
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**EFFECT OF COVID-19 ON LIBRARY USE**
Students reported using the online library more. While many continued to prefer online, even after lockdowns lifted, some students said that they rely on the library for a quiet place to study and to conduct group work. Most students did not experience problems accessing the online library.