



Cairns State High School



About

Cairns State High School (SHS) is a large regional secondary school located in Far North Queensland. With current enrolments of approximately 1700 students, the school is located in the CBD of Cairns and provides education to students in the local catchment as well as students who enrol in a range of Centres of Excellence programs. Cairns SHS introduced ICT with the goal of supporting Teaching and Learning.

Lyndell Sellars

Head of Learning Resources speaks to us about digital resources and how ReadCloud is used to simplify content access while helping the school manage copyright and licenses.

Moving to a BYOx Program

In 2015, Cairns State High School implemented a whole school BYOx program with the aim of purposeful integration of ICTs to support teaching and learning. Digital textbooks were considered as an option to print in 2016 so that students were not burdened with carrying textbooks and a laptop as well as providing another tool for embedding ICTs into the curriculum. Junior secondary Maths and Humanities PDF textbooks and online interactive textbooks were introduced in 2017 with extensive support and professional development provided by ReadCloud and Jacaranda.

Bringing in a digital partner for content access, licensing and management

Ensuring adherence to copyright regulations and publisher requirements for digital textbook content became even more important with the introduction of the new Queensland Senior Curriculum and the extensive number of publishers providing content to support QCAA senior subjects in 2019.



Provision of digital textbooks from a range of publishers from one platform and the management of licencing was a key consideration in deciding to use ReadCloud for the provision of digital textbooks

Using ReadCloud in the classroom

Lyndell and the school have been especially pleased with ReadCloud's responsiveness and ability to work with Cairns SHS to ensure that the platform meets Education Queensland requirements.



The ReadCloud app has continued to develop to meet the needs of teachers and students with improved editing tools, the ability to collaborate within class clouds, read aloud functionality to support students with developing literacy, OneNote integration and customisation of pdf content.



Suggestions for developments of the app have always been welcomed by the ReadCloud team and the technical and professional development support has been outstanding.

Ready for remote learning

When COVID-19 struck in early 2020, remote learning was made considerably easier for teachers and students who had been using ReadCloud. Each was able to access their digital textbook content as eBooks were easily accessible and online revision with feedback could be supported.

A digital learning partner

Cairns SHS enjoy using the ReadCloud software to collaborate within classes as well as promote the development of literacy. The management of licencing from different publishers was a key factor in choosing to use ReadCloud.

