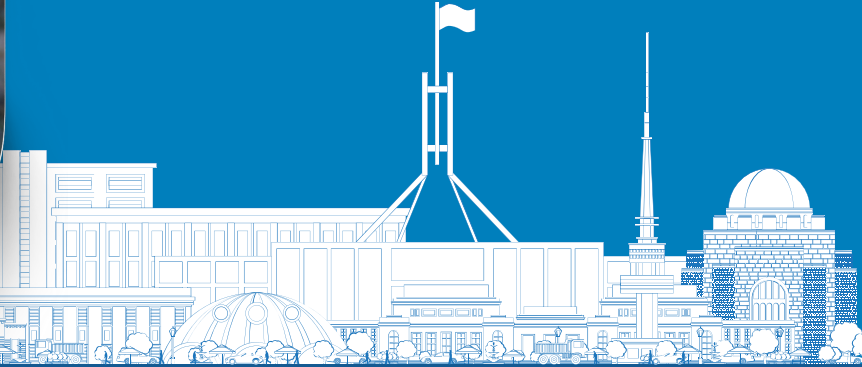




Building tomorrow's minds :

On the shoulders of teaching giants in the bush capital



As a Teacher Librarian at St Jude's Primary School, Verna's passion for teaching is encompassed by her love for literature.

Verna carefully plans each lesson to create a culture of creative learning among the students. She is delighted by student responses such as "Wow, this is fantastic!" You can see Verna floating on air in response to the joy from her engaged students. She says that is all the reward that she needs.

During lunch duty in the library, students relax, play board games, play chess, draw, and colour. You often see a student stretched out, resting on a pillow pet, engrossed in a book. The student is transported to another world, oblivious to the movement around them. Verna has created a safe place for her students to relax and immerse themselves in the library's activities.

Hearing Verna read to her students is wonderful. She is engaged with her expression, tone, and continued conversation points, ensuring student comprehension and engagement. She loves hearing individual responses from the students.

One of Verna's many rewards as a Teacher Librarian is being asked by a student, a parent, or a teacher, "We would like to find something a little more challenging to read." Verna gently encourages her students to explore all genres of books so they discover the joy of reading unique to them. Verna's respectful way of working with students extends to her colleagues, making everyone feel like a valued team member, working collaboratively, often altering and adapting to the changing school schedules.

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