



## Library Happenings!

### Reading Challenge

Have you challenged yourself to read a book each month yet?

Pick up a book and you just might

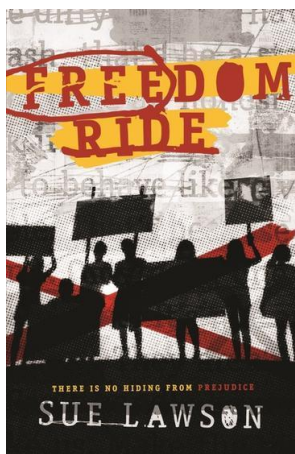
**"Discover or rediscover the joy of reading"!**



**Need a Book to Read?**

**Come and browse the shelves and try out our Reading Chair!**

## NEW BOOK IN THE LIBRARY

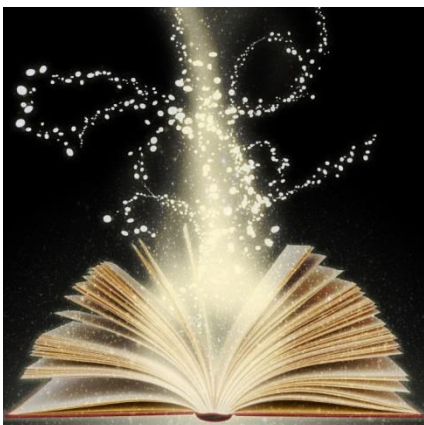


### Freedom Ride by Sue Lawson

Robbie knows bad things happen in Walgaree. But it's nothing to do with him. That's just the way the Aborigines have always been treated. In the summer of 1965 racial tensions in the town are at boiling point, and something headed Walgaree's way will blow things apart. It's time for Robbie to take a stand. Nothing will ever be the same.

**Source:** <http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/25349979-freedom-ride>

*This novel was published on the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2015 and is aimed at 12-15 year olds. It is a powerful and confronting read based on real events in Australia's past, told through the point of view of a teenager. Well worth reading. Mrs Owen*



## BOOK WEEK 2015 THIS YEAR IS BOOKS LIGHT UP OUR WORLD

**Week 7 – 24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2015**

Keep your eyes and ears open for more information about activities/competitions happening during Book Week.

# YEAR 12 - IT'S TRIAL HSC EXAM TIME – ARE YOU PREPARED??????

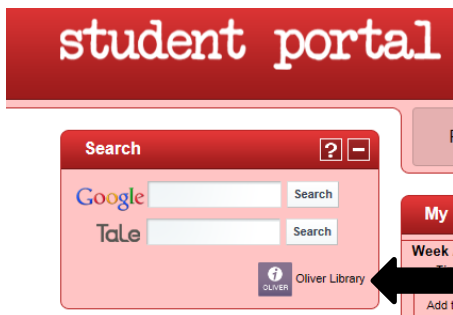
Find out more about **PREPARING FOR EXAMS** by checking out the information in the online study skills handbook. There is a complete section on **HOW TO IMPROVE YOUR STUDY** which includes lots of information, tips and examples about:

- Summarising
- Active Studying
- Preparing for Exam Blocks
- Test-Taking Techniques



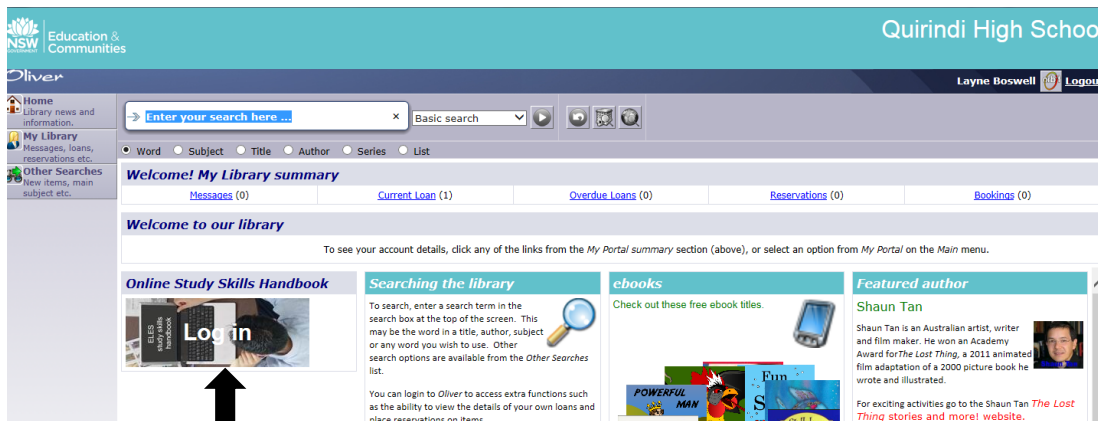
## Logging into the Online Study Skills Handbook

Login to your Student Portal using your DEC Internet Username and Password.

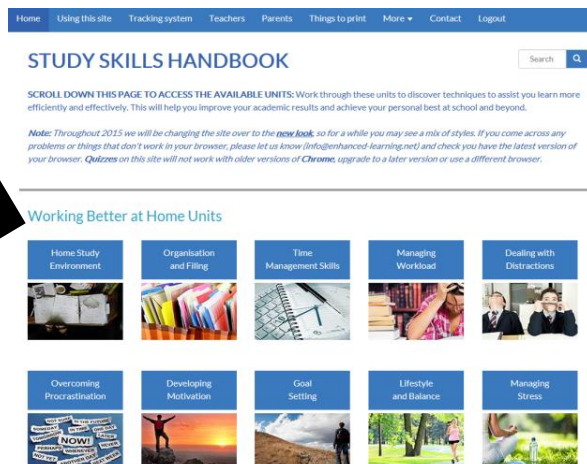


Click this Link "Oliver Library". This takes you to the QHS Library Home Page where you can search the Library as well as go directly to the Online Study Skills Handbook

This is the Quirindi High School Library Home Page



Click this Link and it will take you to the *Online Study Skills Homepage*



# REVISION STRATEGY TO TRY

## RECORD IT

Useful for anything.

What to do:

- a) Record what you want to learn and listen to the recording over and over again.
- b) Remember to vary the tone, speed, loudness and pitch of your voice to make it interesting to listen to. Put in claps and bells or any other auditory clue to highlight important ideas. Funny accents will also help.
- c) If you have friends who want to help, have each person record a different section of the notes, so you can link a particular voice with a particularly topic.
- d) Listen to your notes whenever you're doing something ordinary such as sitting on the bus, at the gym or walking the dog. It is especially good if you listen just before bed time and then go straight to sleep. Test yourself when you first wake up, to consolidate your memory



Why does it work?

- Revising just before you sleep (and that means *just* before, not once you have checked facebook, or texted ten people) means there is no new information going into your working memory to dislodge what you've revised before your brain starts transferring it to your long term memory.

**Source:** Jordan, A. (2013). Revision Strategies. Retrieved May 12, 2015, from

<http://www.tesaustralia.com/teaching-resource/Revision-Strategies-6332265/>



### Need Help?

Make sure you ask us for help.  
Happy Reading and Studying!  
Mrs Owen – Teacher Librarian  
Mrs Sweep – SAS Library