

Dear Parent/Carer,

Education Queensland has launched the **Queensland State Schools eBooks Digital Library** for students and teachers. Encouraging students to read as often as possible, not only to learn but also for enjoyment, is a critical element of improving literacy for all students. The **eBooks Digital Library** uses the popular **Overdrive platform** and provides students with access to thousands of eBooks to support their learning and love of reading.

The **eBooks Digital Library collection** is growing all the time, and includes:

- Fiction and non-fiction
- Prep to Year 12 content
- Readers
- Classics
- New & popular titles
- Graphic novels
- C2C titles

**All students at Woolloowin State School have been registered to access the eBooks Digital Library. They just have to have access to a computer or a mobile device/tablet on which the Overdrive App has been downloaded. Students use their MIS-ID to sign in.**

#### **How do I begin and login?**

For computers and laptops:

Go to <http://educationqld.lib.overdrive.com>

- Students: Sign in with your **MIS-ID**

For tablets and other mobile devices:

1. Download and open the free OverDrive app. The app is available for Android, iOS (iPhone/iPad/iPod Touch), Windows 8, Windows Phone, and Kindle Fire tablets.  
<http://app.overdrive.com>
2. Follow the prompts to sign in, or sign up for a free OverDrive account. If you're under 13, select "I am under 13 years old" instead
3. Tap "Add a Library". Find Library - Queensland State Schools
  - Students: Sign in with your **MIS-ID**

**If you are not sure about what to do you may want to read the following first:**

#### **What is the OverDrive app?**

For Android, iOS and Windows 8 device users, the free OverDrive app allows you to borrow books and audiobooks from the eBooks Digital Library. The app remembers your login details, provides a one-stop-shop for multiple OverDrive libraries (including public library eBook collections), and allows you to sync reading progress across multiple devices. You can download the OverDrive app at <http://app.overdrive.com>.

**I do not have a mobile device or a tablet. I only have a computer, so what else might I need to download?** You might like to download ADE.

## What is Adobe Digital Editions? (ADE)

[Adobe Digital Editions](http://www.overdrive.com/partners/redirects.asp?product=adobede) is free digital rights management (DRM) software, that allows you to view, download and manage PDF and ePUB books on your computer. You can download ADE at <http://www.overdrive.com/partners/redirects.asp?product=adobede>.

## Do I need Adobe Digital Editions to read eBooks?

You can read eBooks online (in your browser) without installing any software. Just select "Read (in your browser)" if available.

You will need [Adobe Digital Editions](http://www.adobe.com/au/products/editions.html) installed on your computer or laptop to download an EPUB or PDF book.

## Can I read my eBooks on my other computers or devices?

Yes, but you will need to create a (free) [Adobe ID](http://www.adobe.com/au/products/editions.html) to authorise Adobe Digital Editions. You can activate up to six devices using the one Adobe ID.

## What is OverDrive Read?

OverDrive Read allows you to read eBooks in your browser with a single click, without the need to download any other eBook software. Find out more about [OverDrive Read](http://www.overdrive.com/au/products/read.html).

## I have downloaded the Overdrive app onto my mobile device/tablet. I have added the Queensland State Schools library. Now what do I do?

1. Tap on 'Queensland State Schools' or 'Education Queensland' which appears under 'My Libraries'.
2. You will be prompted to sign in. Students should type in their MIS user ID and then click on 'Sign In'.
3. Students can now search the catalogue for ebooks. Please note that your child will only be exposed to books which are deemed suitable (by Education Queensland Library Services) for your child's age group. A user can search for a specific title or may search using the various subjects, collections and levels which are available.
4. Books are displayed by their front covers. If a book is available for immediate loan, it will have a bold book icon in the top right hand corner of the front cover. If it is not available, you can still click on the book and place a hold on the book.
5. Once you click on a book cover, you can read a sample of the book, by clicking on the 'Sample' button.
6. If you wish to borrow the book, click on the 'Borrow' button and you will receive a message that the book has been placed in your 'Bookshelf'. Where the 'Borrow' button was, there is now a button with "Go to Bookshelf". Click on this button. You will be taken to your Bookshelf. Click on the "Download" button to download the ebook.
7. You can borrow up to 10 ebooks at any time and you can borrow most titles for a period of 7, 14 or 21 days.

## I want to know more about the Overdrive app (how to change settings like loan periods, theme, , how to return an item, etc.).

Please utilise the "help" page on the Overdrive web page. There is also a help icon (?) in the app which will help to familiarise you with the common functions of the app.

**Please see Class teacher for your child's MIS-ID**