

1. INTRODUCTION

What is the Schools Catalogue Information Service?

The Schools Catalogue Information Service (SCIS) is an Australian and New Zealand information retrieval and cataloguing service for schools. SCIS was established to reduce the cost and duplication of effort by library staff in cataloguing resources in schools.

SCIS is a business unit of Curriculum Corporation, which is governed by a board of representatives of all Australian Education Ministers, along with representatives of the New Zealand Ministry of Education, the Catholic and independent education sectors, and peak bodies representing parents and teachers.

The products and services of SCIS are based on agreed national and international standards in classification, descriptive cataloguing and subject headings. Compliance to these standards has been instrumental in maintaining the quality and consistency of cataloguing materials for schools.

Contents of the SCIS database

Curriculum Corporation's SCIS database contains over 1,000,000 catalogue records of educational materials, including books, audiovisual materials and electronic programs, high-quality educational websites and The Learning Federation's learning objects.

Approximately 3,500 catalogue records are added to the SCIS database each month by SCIS cataloguing agencies in Australia and New Zealand.

Screenshots

The *SCISWeb Manual* includes screenshots. All SCIS OPAC screenshots have been produced with the written permission of Ex Libris Ltd. They are derived from Ex Libris Voyager library management system software and may not be further distributed.

Note: If you are using an earlier version of Internet Explorer or another browser, some of the screenshots in the *SCISWeb Manual* may have a slightly different appearance.

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