

NAPPY [Name of the resource, Author, Publisher, Place of publication, Year]

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Hi all.

From a junior secondary perspective - we did a lot of searching to try and discern which style of citation our students should be encouraged to use, in order to prepare them for their VCE experiences at the senior college that they go to after us. We were not able to identify any one style that was preferred by all VCE study areas.

Eventually we decided that the habit of actually citing resources was more valuable than insisting on any one style of layout, so now we just insist on a bibliography being included, without a specified format.

On a lighter note, we picked up a very useful acronym at a PD day. Unfortunately, I can't remember who told us, but we are eternally grateful for it. We use it to remind the students of the information they need to record about a resource, in order to list it in their bibliography. NAPPY stands for Name of the resource, Author, Publisher, Place of publication, Year. This can easily be adapted to cover internet sites, using URL and date accessed.

The year 7 kids love it when we give a resource introduction to a research topic, and remind them to always fill their NAPPY when doing research, or else they will find themselves in a big mess! And, they remember it right through to year 10!

Cheers.

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