

# Oliver v5 engages students and helps schools deliver educational excellence



## Hear it from Oliver v5 users...

The teaching staff have all been very enthusiastic and positive about Oliver and using it to support teaching and learning, it is being seen as a way to modernise the library journey.

Oliver is very easy for our pupils to use, they can find books and resources so much more quickly from anywhere in the school. With home page customisations, book carousels and embedded videos the library seems so much more exciting and interactive for pupils.

**Sue Wray, Director of Library & Learning Resources**  
**Uppingham School, UK**

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As we move from teacher centred to student centred pedagogy, the adoption of digital technologies such as OverDrive and Oliver will ensure our schools have the tools to engage learners in digital literacy and 21st century learning programs.

**Dr Dan White, Executive Director**  
**CEO Sydney, AU**

I think the new look will appeal to the students – they are familiar with the format and hopefully they will engage with their library searches!

**Clare Adamson, Librarian**  
**Hereford Cathedral School, UK**

With Oliver v5 we can provide the whole school community with efficient and effective access to resources, including integrated eResources.

**Di Ruffles, Teacher Librarian**  
**Melbourne Grammar School, AU**

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The Google preview and student book review options in Oliver v5 have been brilliant for engaging the students in reading. It has given them ownership of the system because they can see their name, and their friends' names, against the reviews.

**Nicola Farmer, Head of Library Services**  
**St Margaret's and Berwick Grammar Schools, AU**

Oliver v5 has changed my library. The students are engaged and use it all the time.

**Jenny Pocknall, Teacher Librarian**  
**Ryde Public School, AU**

Oliver is user friendly and offers enormous functionality for our educational community.

**Maureen Twomey, Teacher Librarian**  
**Assisi Catholic College, AU**

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They love going in, experimenting, looking for books and links, that sort of thing. It's quite hard to get them off Oliver, really. I think they're well and truly hooked!

**Richie Steven, Teacher Librarian**  
**British School in Tokyo, JAP**

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Your recent webinar on the new look Search was really useful. We look forward to promoting this to increase engagement with our students.

**Susan Parr, LRC Manager**  
**Brentside High School, UK**

We wanted a 21st century, web-based product that could be integrated with our learning management systems and offer a more contemporary educational experience.

**Trish Webster, Library Manager**  
**Rangitoto College, NZ**

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Staff have responded well to Oliver v5, they really enjoy the fact that I am uploading pictures of the books and resources so when they search they can see what the book looks like at a glance. I would definitely advise other schools to buy Oliver v5 for their school, I think it is a great resource.

**Jenny Ruthenberg, Teacher Aide**  
**Claremont Special School, AU**

I chose Oliver as I recognised the potential in a web based LMS in the context of a secondary school, offering pupils the opportunity for remote access to the OPAC, weblinks and also their personal accounts from home.

**Rosalind Buckland, Librarian**  
**Ripley St Thomas C of E Academy, UK**

Oliver v5 generates notifications to alert students by email that a reserved item is waiting for them. Excited students have sometimes turned up minutes after the notification is sent! I also like the fact that the students can set up profiles to be alerted about new titles.

**Colleen Shipley, Library Manager**  
**Marlborough Girls' College, NZ**

I've seen a vast improvement in the independence of students when using the library. Instead of relying on staff to locate books for them they use Oliver v5, searching by key words or topics. They are also discovering more with accurate search results and visibility of all resources available related to their search.

**Sarah Lodge, Former Librarian**  
**Feversham Academy, UK**

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The thing I like best about Oliver is that it can be used on so many different levels. A beginner can just use the basic parts of the system, but as you get more confident you can add further functions, until you are able to customise the system for your own use and your library and school.

**Ginette Doyle, Past Librarian**  
**Cheltenham College, UK**

Oliver and Orbit are helping us to engage students in the library. Children as young as the Year 1's are walking in, with no words, picking up an iPad, opening Orbit and going and finding a book on their own ... that's priceless.

**Sheila O'Callaghan, Teacher Librarian**  
**Our Lady of Good Counsel, AU**

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The first immediate and obvious change after launching Oliver v5, was a dramatic increase in students searching the catalogue. This change has been ongoing and is undoubtedly in response to searches being more successful and a search screen that is visually engaging because of its design. Syndetics also enabled a far more comprehensive display of cover images and further information. This engagement is now further enhanced with the tiled presentation of search results.

**Maria Pepe-Micholos, Teacher Librarian**  
**St Michael's College, AU**

Overall the system is more streamlined and effective and the web interface is engaging. With the refurbishment of the library, the upgrade to Oliver v5 and the addition of the eBooks our students are re-engaging with books and reading more.

**Leanne White, Deputy Principal**  
**Landsdale Primary School, AU**

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So far, so good. In fact it's all going great. The kids are enjoying the new format that Oliver v5 provides. We couldn't be happier at Apollo Parkways.

**Angela Brajkovic, Library Technician**  
**Apollo Parkways Primary School, AU**

We now use Oliver to catalogue Learning Support Equipment such as laptops, dictaphones, and text-reading equipment, for use by students who need extra support, or may have a disability. It really is opening up new horizons for us and the College.

**Queen Elizabeth Sixth Form College, UK**

The students love Oliver v5 and they are always trying to borrow books for their class. They really love the search options.

**Susan Grieve, College Librarian**  
**Tarneit P-9 College, AU**

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We were seeking to work with professionals who understood not only the library software, but the role of libraries, their technology, and the library catalogue in a school environment.

**Robyn Markus-Sandgren, Library Manager**  
**St Hilda's School, AU**

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**We find that having Oliver v5 enables us to really deliver educational outcomes for our students.**

**Kay Oddone, Librarian, Resource Link,**  
**Brisbane Catholic Education, AU**

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