**A Guide To Research**

Research is one of the most important skills to master for your overall success in ATAR and University.

When you are asked to respond to any topic/concept/issue, you must develop an in-depth educated understanding from a wide variety of sources. This will assist you in developing a high-level response, as well as organise your thoughts and arguments.

Your FIA2 requires you to construct and deliver a persuasive speech on an Australian social issue to a specific audience of your choice.

You must select a social issue that has appeared in media texts during the last year, which may be drawn from broader topics of gender, power and class.

Consider the following:

Women’s rights

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders: Australia’s First People

Equal Love: LGBTIQ+ Rights

Homelessness

Bullying and Harassment

Valuing Multiculturalism

Seeking Protection: Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Research Guide:

You might like to start by utilising Wikipedia. You cannot reference this, or use any information as fact, but it will provide you with a broad overview of the topic.

Then, go to google scholar and begin your credible research.

Create a word document to record all your information and citations.

Type in key words into google scholar.

Example: treatment of women in Australian politics.

Do not click on the main link (it will not provide you with the full document)

Click on the PDF/Link on the right of the article.

Read the abstract to identify if the article is relevant to your topic.

If so, continue reading.

Copy and paste all key information (in dot point form) into your word document – this should not be entire paragraphs (otherwise you won’t go back and read it).

Make sure that you put the citation (in text and bibliography) of the source at the top of the page that your information is stored. This will save you time later.

You should gather as much information as possible!

The more you know the easier it will be to construct a meaningful persuasive speech.