



# Researching and finding sources

## Scholarly Information Services (SIS)

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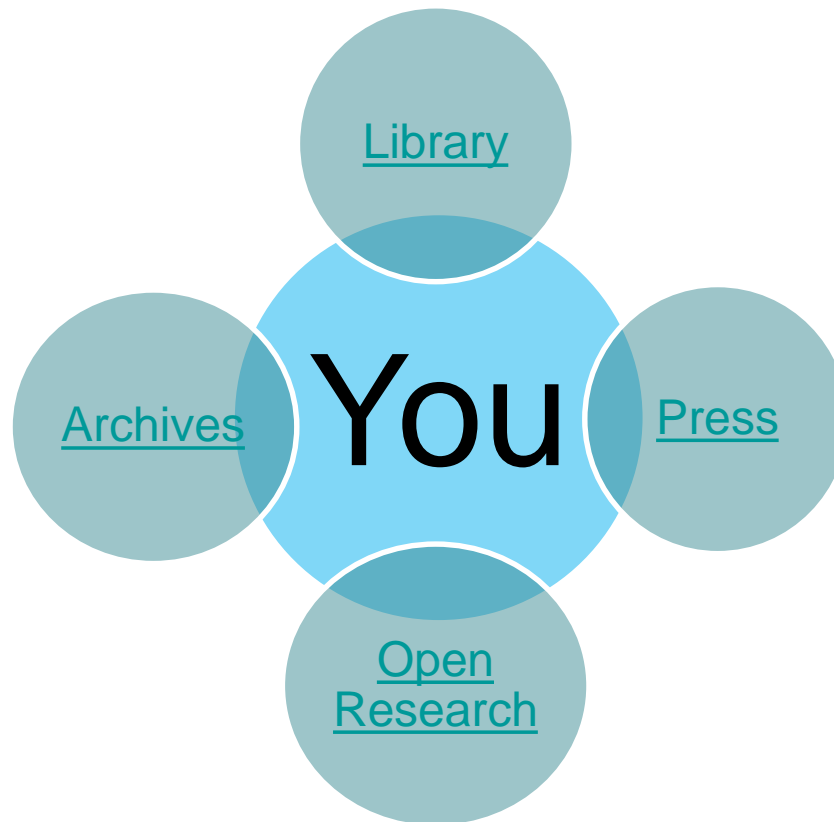


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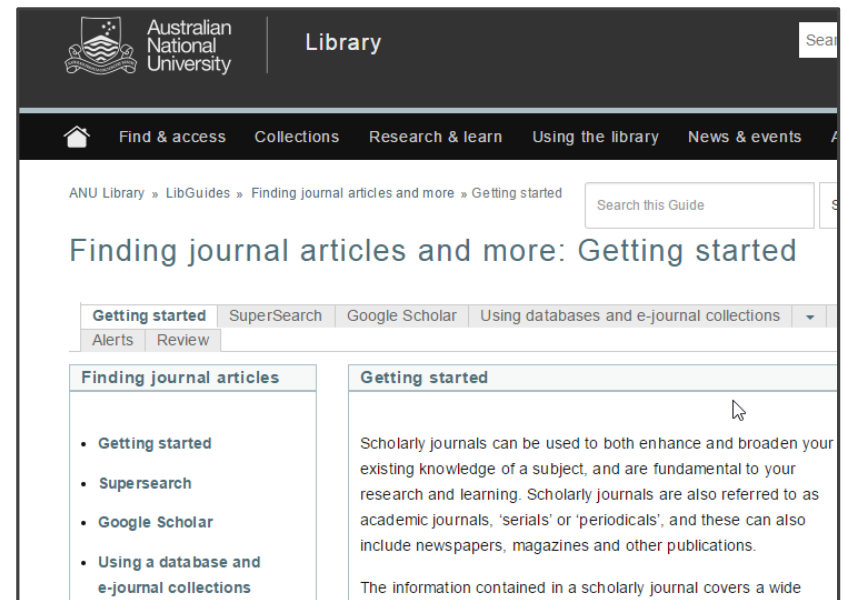
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# SIS - Library

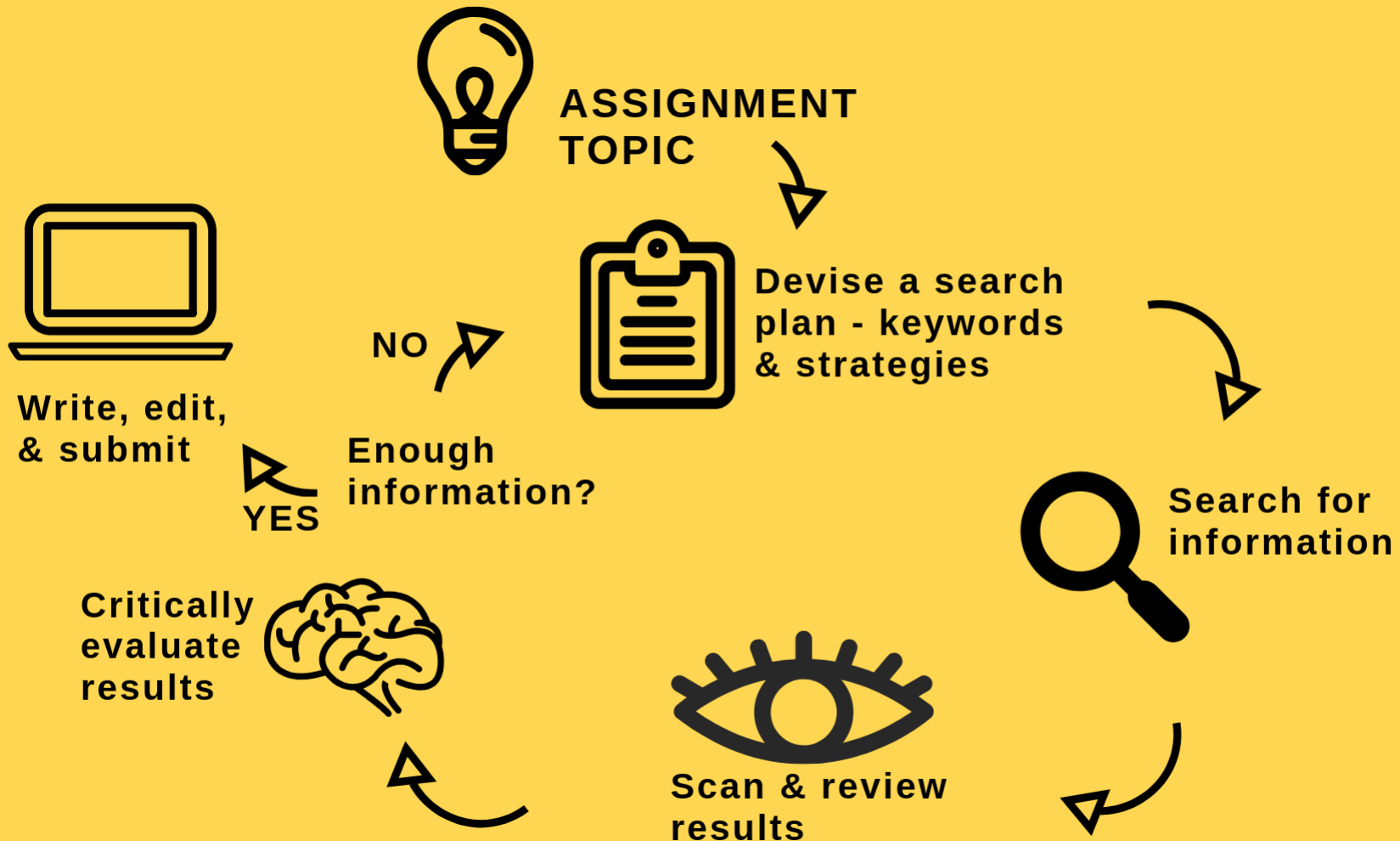
Finding scholarly resources with 'How-to' guides:

- Finding Journal articles and more
- Finding books and more
- Ebooks
- Topic analysis
- Evaluating sources

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# The modern research cycle



# To begin...devise a plan

1. **Topic analysis:** what is the question asking? What types of information might I need to answer the question?
2. **Search strategies:** brainstorm keywords and search terms?
3. **Search tools:** which are most appropriate for what I need?
4. **Critically evaluate:** is the information scholarly and/or credible, is there bias etc?
5. **Refine:** review my search terms and search tools, search again and re-evaluate the information found

## Sample question

In Victoria, Indigenous Australians who plead guilty to some offences can choose to be sentenced by the Koori Court rather than the Magistrates Court. The purpose of these Koori courts is to make the legal system less alienating and more culturally appropriate for Aboriginal communities. Is there a place for programs such as the Koori Court in the Australian legal system? Should there be courts for other groups in our society?

# CHOOSING KEYWORDS

## ANALYSING YOUR RESEARCH TOPIC

### DESCRIBE YOUR TOPIC

- Try to phrase your topic as a question to guide your research. Don't worry if this changes as you progress.
- List the main concepts/themes/theories you are most interested in exploring.



### IDENTIFY MAIN CONCEPTS



- Identify the main concepts in your description (nouns & verbs)
- Try to avoid relational words (affect, cause, impact) unless you are finding too many resources.

### BRAINSTORM RELATED WORDS

- Think of other words or phrases used in relation to your topic.
- Are there any different spellings or synonyms you could use?





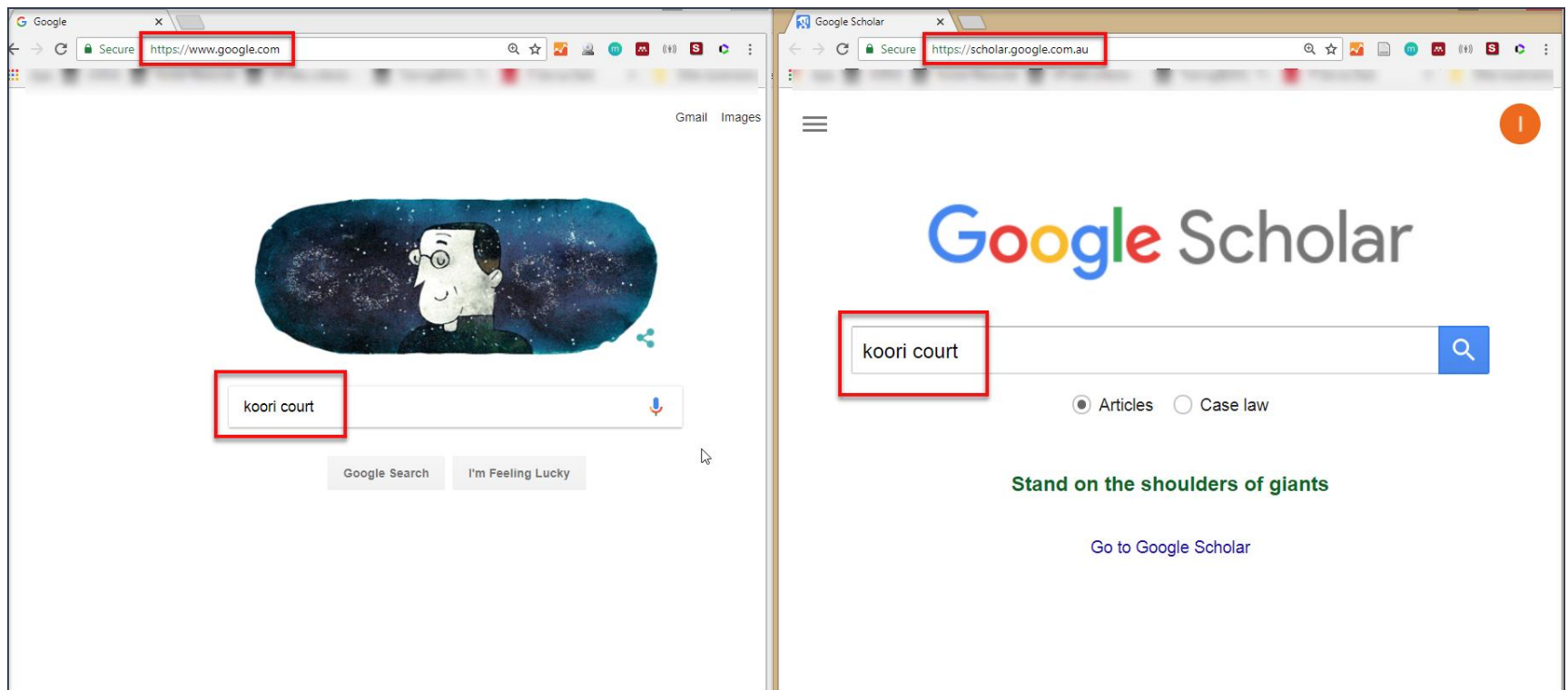
# Keyword brainstorming

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# Keywords and thinking time

Indigenous Australians	Culturally appropriate
Sentencing	Aboriginal communities
Koori Court	Society
Magistrates Court	Groups (ethnic, cultural)
Australian legal system	Youth
Less alienating/isolating	Evaluate

# Search – apply your keywords



# Exercise - evaluate your sources

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Evaluating sources
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Scholarly vs Popular
Social media
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## Evaluating sources

Welcome to the Evaluating Sources LibGuide. This resource will take you through the s assess information sources to determine which are most appropriate to be used in your



## EVALUATING INFORMATION USING THE "CRAPP" TEST

In research, not all information sources are created equal. Apply the C.R.A.P. test to determine if information is reliable and appropriate for your assessments.

### CURRENCY

When was the information published?  
Does the age of the information affect the accuracy?  
Is there a more recent version that supports or refutes the original?  
Are the links functional?



### RELEVANCE

Who is the intended audience?  
Is it pitched at a scholarly audience?  
Have you looked at a variety of similar sources before selecting this one?  
Would you be comfortable citing this source?



### AUTHORITY

Where did the information come from?  
Is the author/publisher/sponsor identified?  
Can their credentials be verified?  
Has the source been cited in other research?  
Do you trust the source?



### ACCURACY

Can the information be verified other reliable sources?  
Does the research contain sufficient evidence to back it up?  
Has it been through a peer review process?  
Are there spelling or grammatical errors?



### PURPOSE

Why was this information created?  
Does it seek to inform, provide facts, to sell, or to persuade you of something?  
Is there evidence of political, religious, institutional, or personal biases?  
Is the information objective and impartial?



# Google Scholar

**Google Scholar** – search engine for scholarly resources that complement ANU-subscribed and created content



The screenshot shows the Google Scholar interface. At the top, the Google Scholar logo is on the left, and a search bar contains the text "koori court" with a magnifying glass icon to its right. Below the search bar, the word "Articles" is displayed with a blue diamond icon, followed by the text "About 3,130 results (0.05 sec)". On the left side, there is a sidebar with filters. The "Any time" filter is selected, with options for "Since 2018", "Since 2017", "Since 2014", and "Custom range...". Below this, the "Sort by relevance" option is selected, with "Sort by date" as an alternative. At the bottom of the sidebar, there are two checked checkboxes: "include patents" and "include citations". The main search results area displays two articles. The first article is titled "Indigenous Participation in Sentencing Young Offenders: Findings from an Evaluation of the Children's Koori Court of Victoria" by A Borowski, published in the Australian & New Zealand Journal of ... in 2010. The article is from journals.sagepub.com. A red box highlights the title and author information. To the right of this article, there is a link to "[PDF] sagepub.com" and a red box containing the text "Find It at ANU". The second article is titled "Indigenous courts and justice practices in Australia" by E Marchetti and K Daly, published in 2004 at ro.uow.edu.au. A red box highlights the title and author information. To the right of this article, there is a link to "[PDF] uow.edu.au". Both articles have a brief description and links for citation, related articles, and versions.

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# Combining keywords

- Use Boolean operators for targeted search results
- AND, OR, NOT

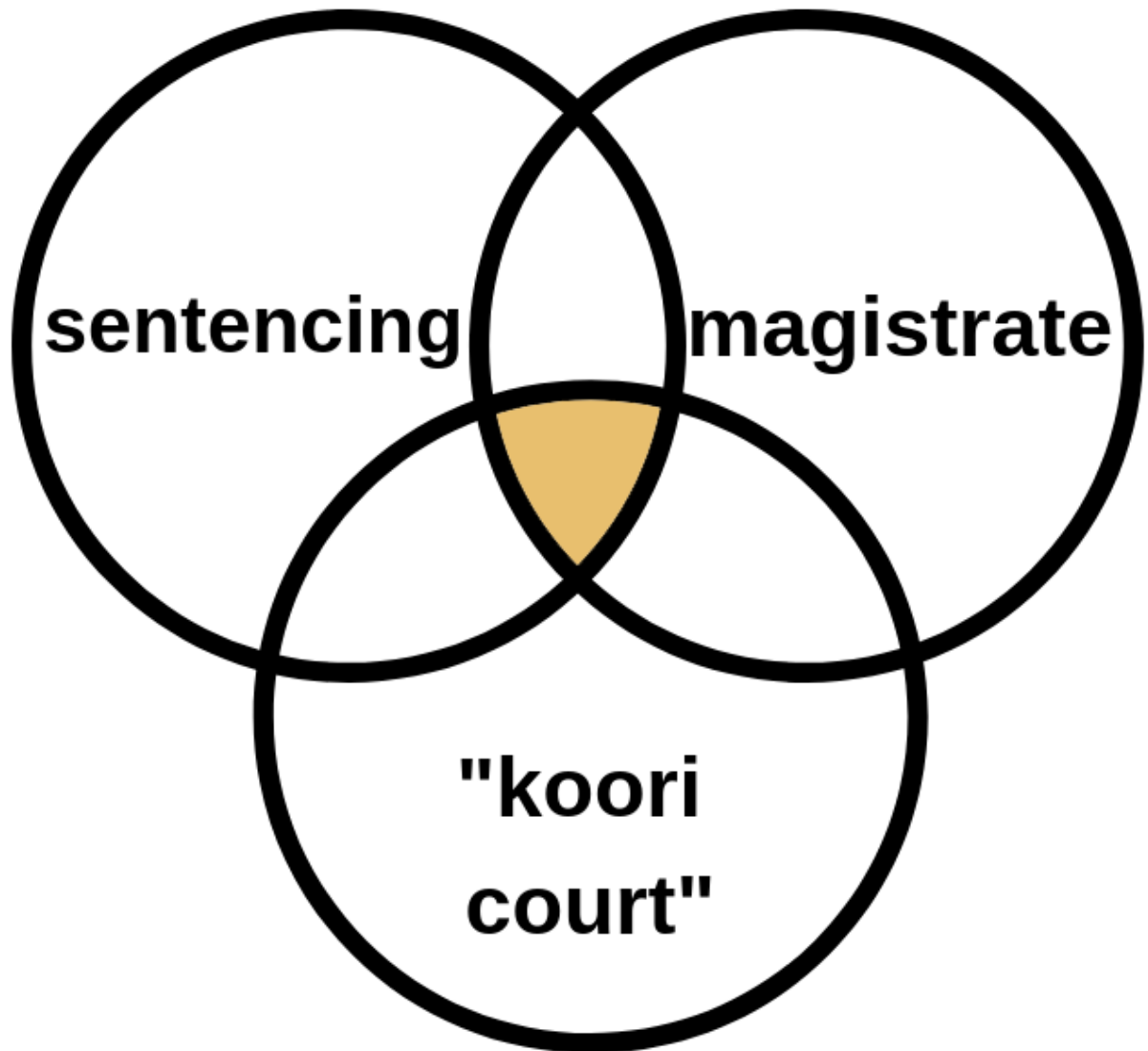
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sentencing AND  
magistrate

AND

"koori court"

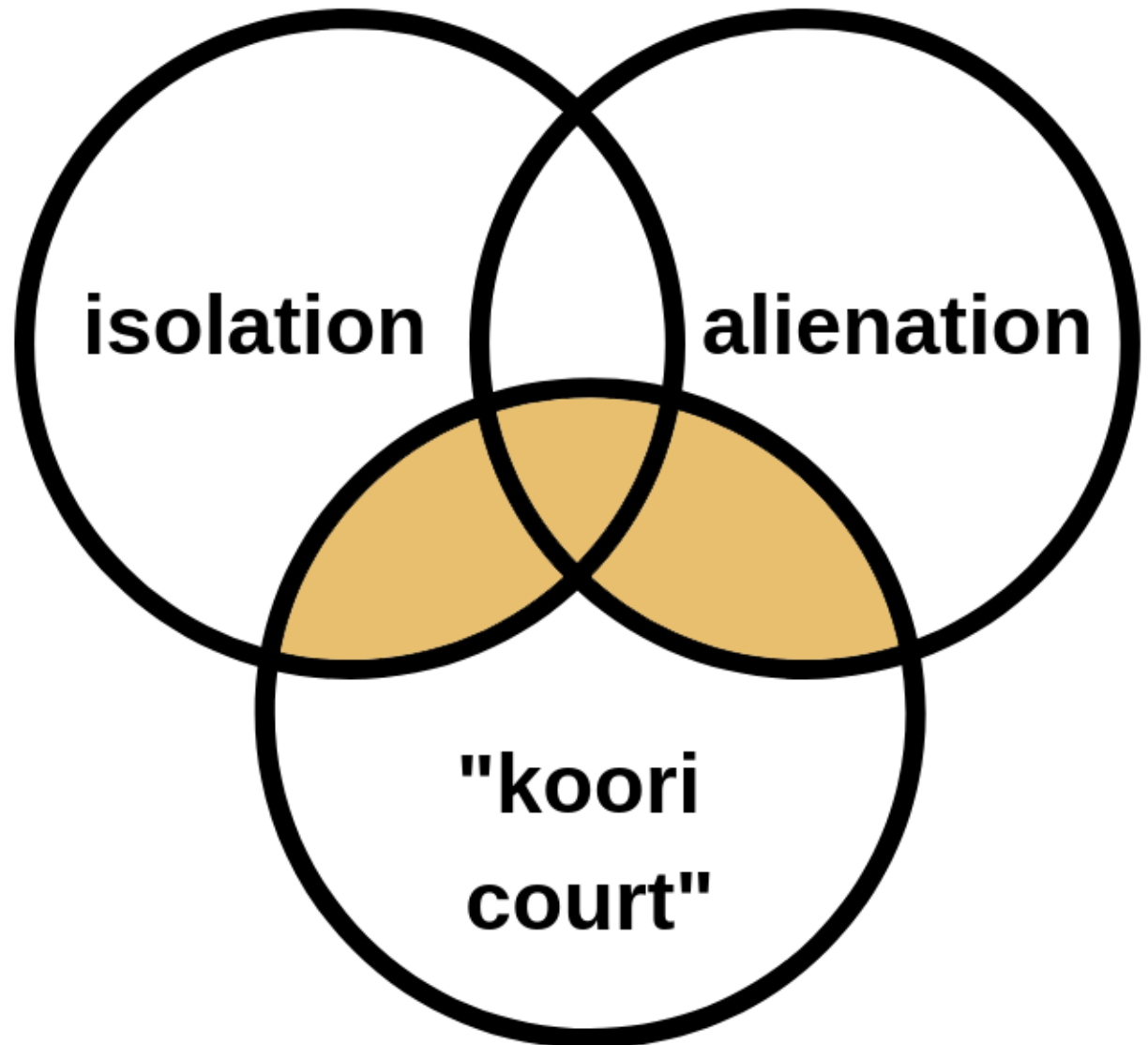
**Narrows your  
search yield**



# OR

isolation **OR**  
alienation  
**AND** “koori  
court”

**Expands your  
search yield**





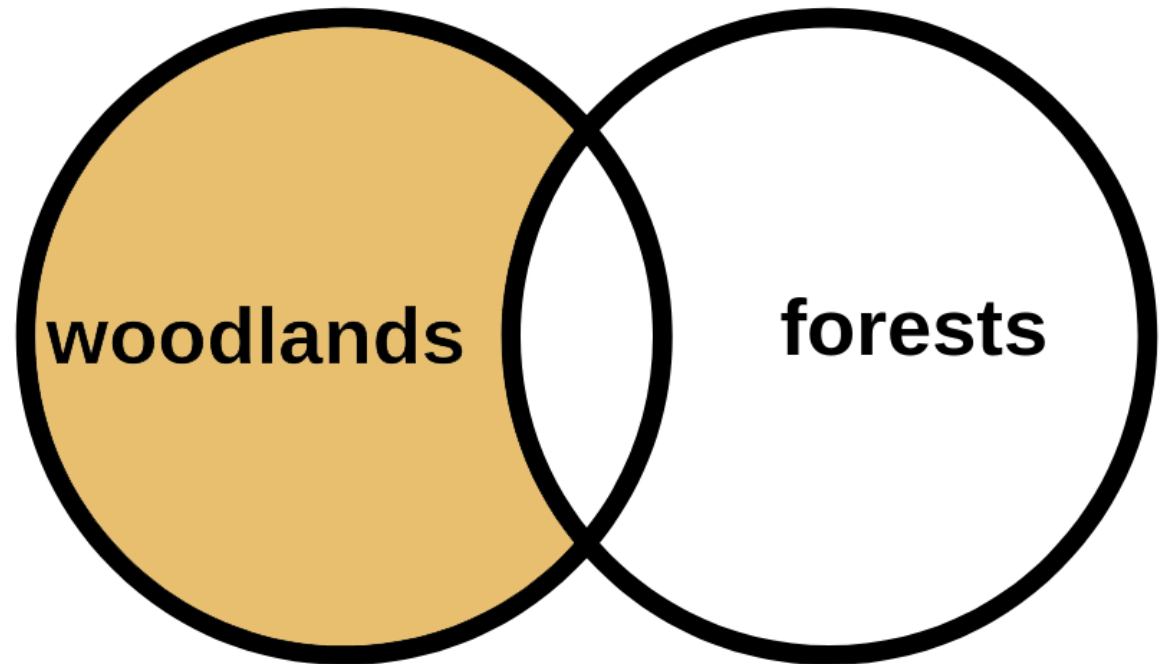
# NOT

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woodlands  
**NOT** forests

Woodlands  
-forests

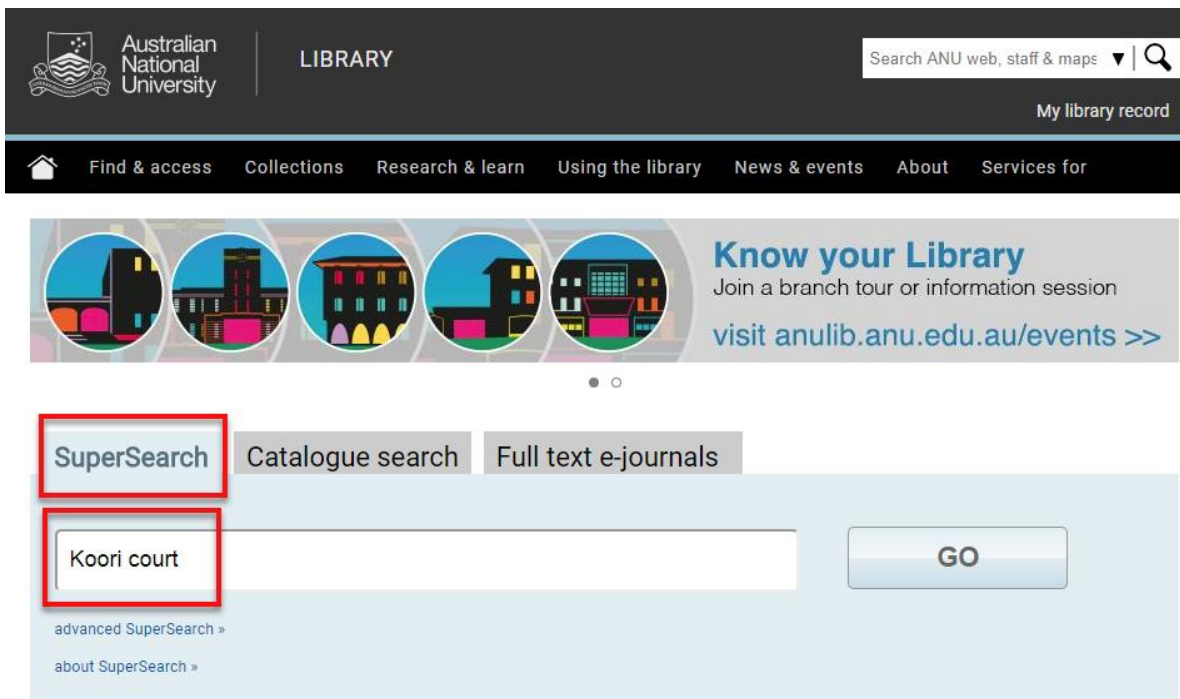
**Narrows your  
search yield**



**Results will contain  
woodlands, NOT forests**

# SuperSearch

**SuperSearch** – single search across the majority of SIS collections



The screenshot shows the Australian National University Library website. At the top, there is a dark header with the ANU logo, the word "LIBRARY", and a search bar for "Search ANU web, staff & maps". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: "Find & access", "Collections", "Research & learn", "Using the library", "News & events", "About", and "Services for". A banner below the navigation bar features five circular icons of library buildings and the text "Know your Library" with a link to "visit anulib.anu.edu.au/events >>". The main search area has three tabs: "SuperSearch" (highlighted with a red box), "Catalogue search", and "Full text e-journals". Below the "SuperSearch" tab is a search input field containing the text "Koori court" (also highlighted with a red box) and a "GO" button. At the bottom of the search area are links for "advanced SuperSearch »" and "about SuperSearch »".

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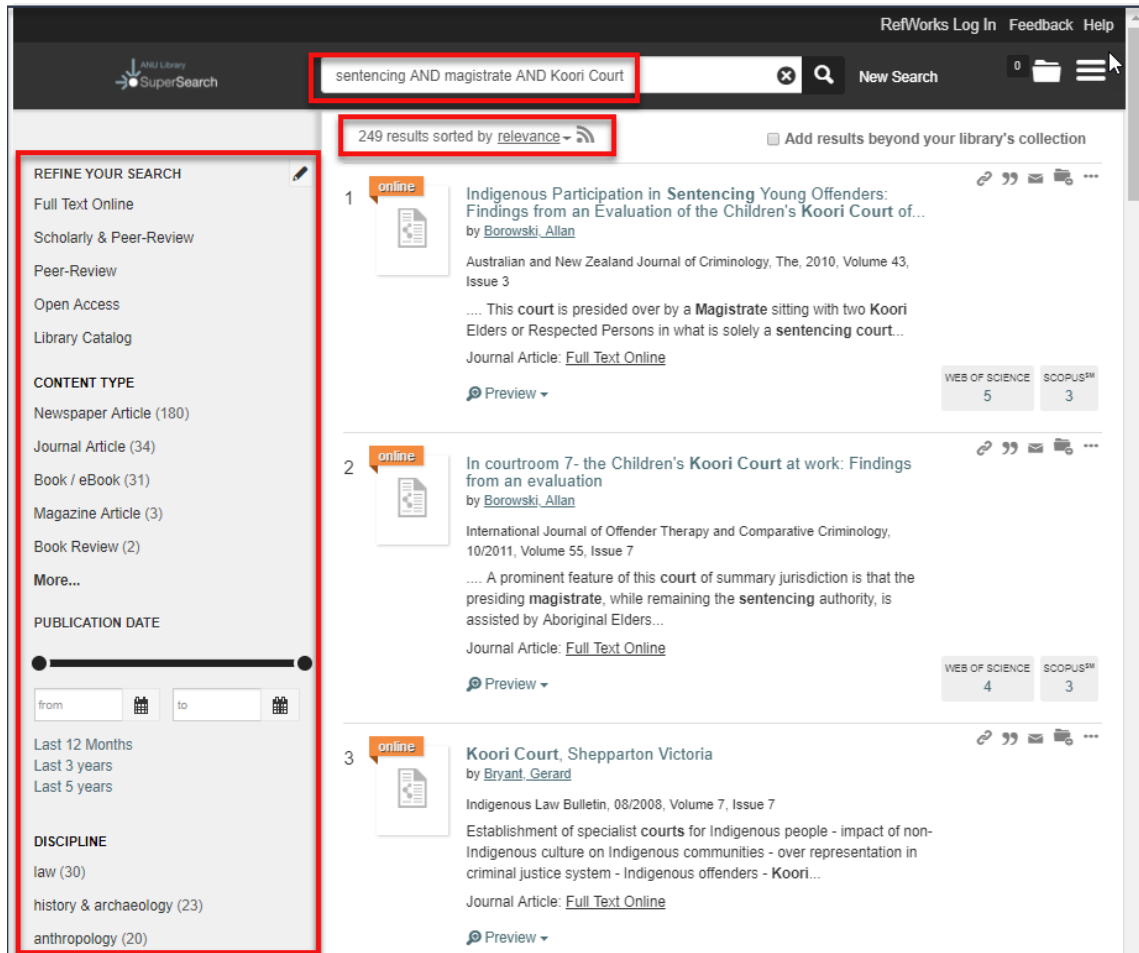
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Koori court

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# Search with combined keywords



The screenshot displays the ANU Library SuperSearch interface. The search bar at the top contains the query "sentencing AND magistrate AND Koori Court". Below the search bar, the results are sorted by relevance, showing 249 results. The left sidebar contains filters for refining the search, including content type, publication date, and discipline. The main results area lists three articles, each with a preview and a link to the full text online.

**REFINE YOUR SEARCH**

- Full Text Online
- Scholarly & Peer-Review
- Peer-Review
- Open Access
- Library Catalog

**CONTENT TYPE**

- Newspaper Article (180)
- Journal Article (34)
- Book / eBook (31)
- Magazine Article (3)
- Book Review (2)
- More...

**PUBLICATION DATE**

from [ ] to [ ]

- Last 12 Months
- Last 3 years
- Last 5 years

**DISCIPLINE**

- law (30)
- history & archaeology (23)
- anthropology (20)

**Search Results:**

249 results sorted by **relevance**

**1 online** Indigenous Participation in Sentencing Young Offenders: Findings from an Evaluation of the Children's Koori Court of... by [Borowski, Allan](#)  
Australian and New Zealand Journal of Criminology, The, 2010, Volume 43, Issue 3  
.... This court is presided over by a **Magistrate** sitting with two **Koori** Elders or Respected Persons in what is solely a **sentencing** court...  
Journal Article: [Full Text Online](#)  
Preview

**2 online** In courtroom 7- the Children's Koori Court at work: Findings from an evaluation by [Borowski, Allan](#)  
International Journal of Offender Therapy and Comparative Criminology, 10/2011, Volume 55, Issue 7  
.... A prominent feature of this court of summary jurisdiction is that the presiding **magistrate**, while remaining the **sentencing** authority, is assisted by Aboriginal Elders...  
Journal Article: [Full Text Online](#)  
Preview

**3 online** Koori Court, Shepparton Victoria by [Bryant, Gerard](#)  
Indigenous Law Bulletin, 08/2008, Volume 7, Issue 7  
Establishment of specialist courts for Indigenous people - impact of non-Indigenous culture on Indigenous communities - over representation in criminal justice system - Indigenous offenders - **Koori**...  
Journal Article: [Full Text Online](#)  
Preview

## Other tips

“ ”

to search for two or more terms as a phrase

**“magistrates court” “Australian legal system”**

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for multiple unknown or variable characters in the term  
**Australia\*** returns **Australia, Australians, Australia’s**

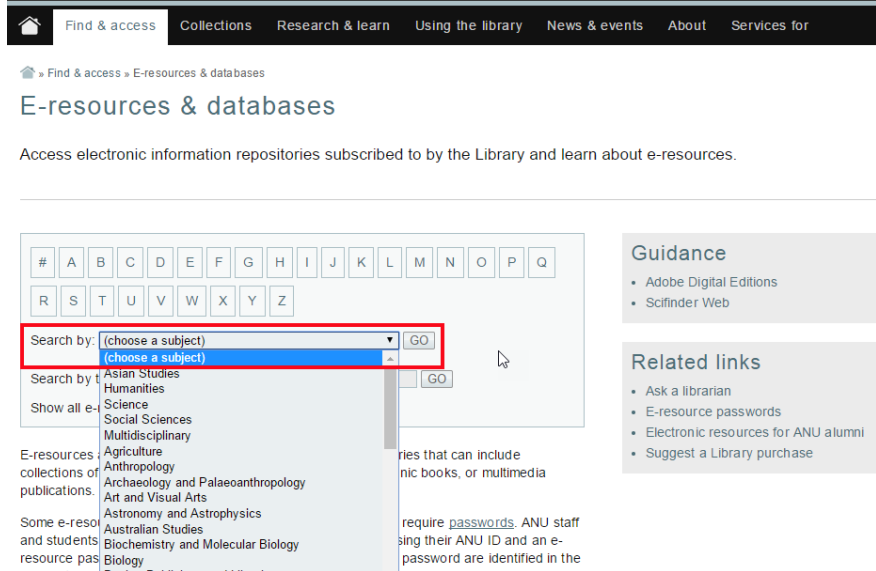
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for a single unknown or variable character in the term  
**characteri?e** returns **characterise, characterize**

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Access electronic information repositories subscribed to by the Library and learn about e-resources.

# A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q  
R S T U V W X Y Z

Search by: (choose a subject) (GO)  
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Search by: Asian Studies  
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Australian Studies  
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology  
Biology

E-resources collections of publications.  
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ies that can include  
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sing their ANU ID and an e-  
password are identified in the

### Guidance

- Adobe Digital Editions
- Scifinder Web

### Related links



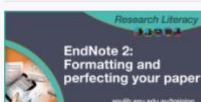
- Ask a librarian
- E-resource passwords
- Electronic resources for ANU alumni
- Suggest a Library purchase

# SIS - Library

Library assistance is also available for:

- IT & reference management software support
- copyright, data management and publishing advice
- digital literacy and research skills
- advanced Word, thesis formatting support



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# SIS - support and training

## Support

- Information Desk in any library
- AskANU IT Consultants at Chifley Library help with IT issues and requests wireless, email, passwords, EndNote

## Training

[anulib.anu.edu.au/training-events](http://anulib.anu.edu.au/training-events)

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