Using the eBooks Digital Library

Dear Parents & Caregivers,

All students at Tewantin State School have access to the *Education Queensland eBooks Digital Library*. This enables our children access to a variety of books to continue developing their passion for reading from wherever they may be. With over 45000 titles in the collection, there will be something for everyone!

Using the 'Sora' app, the eBooks Digital Library will enable every student at the school with internet access and a device to borrow up to 10 books at a time and even put holds on up to 3 popular, in-demand titles. Books can be downloaded to their device for offline reading. Books are automatically returned when due, so no risk of overdue books!

There are 3 types of eBooks available:

- Standard eBooks that can be read as you would a normal paperback book;
- **Read-a-long eBooks** that are great for early readers, which have narration of the text (even highlighting words being read in some books);
- **Audiobooks** that allow you to sit back, relax, and listen to your favourite story being read to you. They're great for listening with headphones or even connecting to a speaker/ TV for the whole family to enjoy.

The only thing required to log into the eBooks Digital Library is your child's school computer username (MIS ID). This will be provided through email communication from the school. Contact your child's classroom teacher if this has not been received.

Multiple students can use the one device to access the eBooks Digital Library, simply by logging out when finished to allow for new users logging in with their own account. Alternatively, multiple devices can be used to read from. The *'Sora'* eBook reader (downloadable app for Android/ iOS or compatible web browser on a computer) will sync a student's eBooks, remembering where they were up to.

If your children are having any issues accessing the eBooks Digital Library, please send an email to Mr Jenkinson (<u>jjenk29@eq.edu.au</u>) to assist with checking the student account and their access to the service.

On the following page is information on the eBook Digital Library and the 'Sora' app as well as simple instructions on how to get started.

We hope you find this service of use and enjoy many hours of reading.

Yours sincerely,

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## Education Queensland's eBooks Digital Library

Accessing the digital library is easy. All you need is the internet and a device to use. The Sora eBook app is a student friendly eBook reader that will allow your child to browse and borrow from the collection. To know more about Sora, play the video on the right or visit <u>https://meet.soraapp.com/</u> to learn what is possible.



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3. Type in your school username (E.g. bsmit12) and press 'Sign In'.



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