



1. INTRODUCTION

What is the Schools Catalogue Information Service?

The Schools Catalogue Information Service (SCIS) is an Australian and New Zealand information retrieval and cataloguing service for schools.

Curriculum Corporation is owned by the Australian education authorities. SCIS is a business unit of Curriculum Corporation. Curriculum Corporation is a cooperative venture of all state government education systems, the National Catholic Education Commission, the National Council of Independent Schools and the Commonwealth Department of Education, Science and Training (DEST). SCIS was established to reduce the cost and duplication of effort by library staff in cataloguing resources in schools.

The products and services of SCIS are based on agreed national and international standards in classification, descriptive cataloguing and subject headings. Compliance to these standards has been instrumental in maintaining the quality and consistency of cataloguing materials for schools.

Contents of the SCIS database

Curriculum Corporation's SCIS database contains over 970,000 catalogue records of educational materials, including books, audiovisual materials and electronic programs, high-quality educational websites and The Learning Federation's learning objects.

Approximately 3,500 catalogue records are added to the SCIS database each month by SCIS cataloguing agencies in Australia and New Zealand. Recently published materials are evaluated for their suitability in supporting school curriculum programs before cataloguing onto the SCIS database.

Screen dumps

The *SCISWeb Manual* includes screen dumps. All SCIS OPAC screen dumps have been produced with the written permission of Ex Libris. They are derived from Ex Libris Voyager library management system software and may not be further distributed.

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