

**START** with the search tips and links on the **How to Find UOW History, Facts & Figures guide** on the Library homepage under Guides → By Topic. Some key tips are also listed here below.

## For UOW information

Browse and search the **UOW web site** for UOW documents/recent reports/key statistics/media releases/newsletters

Search the **Library's UOW Digital Archive** and the **Library Catalogue** for older UOW reports/statistics/newsletters

Search the **Proquest ANZ Newsstand database** OR **Factiva database** for recent news articles about UOW in the Illawarra Mercury and other newspapers

Browse older hardcopy news clippings in the **University Archives** (need to arrange with Archivist in advance)

**Consider!** - are **statistics** likely to be collected on your topic and at the level of detail you need? If so:

**Who** might collect this type of data?

**Where** might it be available?

**What** headings might it be under?

(use your **search strategy worksheet** to note possible search terms)

## For HIGHER EDUCATION sector information

Browse and search the **DEEWR, ABS and other education related web sites** for documents/reports/statistics

Search the **Library Catalogue** for books and reports about higher education

Search the **Proquest ANZ Newsstand database** OR **Factiva database** for recent news articles about Australian universities/students/staffing issues

Search the **A+Education** and **APAFT (Australian) databases** for journal articles about higher education  
Also search the **Proquest Central** and **Academic Onefile (international) databases** for any Australian coverage

**Remember!** - with any reports, books or journal articles you do find, **check their bibliographies** for mention of other useful sources

**Need More Help?** Contact local library staff at your respective UOW campus library in the first instance or check the options under the **'Ask a Librarian'** button on the Library home page.

# Developing Your Search Strategy



## Example topic:

*Use of childcare facilities at the University of Wollongong*

## Keywords or phrases for this topic:

Keywords	Examples of alternative terms for these Keywords
<i>university of wollongong</i>	<b>OR</b> <i>wollongong university</i> <b>OR</b> <i>university</i> <b>OR</b> <i>campus</i>
<b>AND</b>	
<i>childcare</i>	<b>OR</b> <i>child care</i> <b>OR</b> <i>child minding</i> <b>OR</b> <i>families</i>
<b>AND</b>	
<i>facilities</i>	<b>OR</b> <i>services</i> <b>OR</b> <i>Kids Uni</i>

When developing a search strategy, think about using:

- subject dictionaries or encyclopaedias for background information
- alternative keywords or alternative concepts
- related names or phrases (eg. “*Kid’s Uni*”)
- different spellings
- a truncation symbol to broaden your results eg. *child\** finds *child*, *children*, *childcare* etc. (note: truncation symbols can vary in different databases)
- broader terms if you find only a few results
- narrower terms if you find too many results

## What are my keywords or phrases for my own topic?

Search Strategy Keywords	Possible Alternative Terms for each Keyword
<i>university of wollongong</i>	<b>OR</b> <i>wollongong university</i> <b>OR</b> <i>university</i>
<b>AND</b>	
	<b>OR</b>
<b>AND</b>	
	<b>OR</b>

## I’ve got my keywords. Now where should I try searching?

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