Information Desk Competencies

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Aim: To provide a professional, high quality, customer focussed service.

Reference/Information Enquiries	Date checked
Conduct a reference interview to determine client needs.	
Have the ability to identify appropriate resources and databases to find	
information.	
Be able to construct search strategies to answer reference queries.	
Be able to apply the search strategies to a wide range of databases.	
 Explain to students how to use library resources to best meet their information needs. 	
 Continually develop knowledge of databases and be aware of changes to library database subscriptions. 	
Have a good knowledge of the Reference Collection.	
Keep up to date with current assignments.	
 An awareness of Learning Services and the services they offer students. 	
Be familiar with the information literacy needs of students.	
 Have a knowledge of the library web pages and know where to find information. 	
Have a working knowledge of Google.	
Be able to explain what Endnote is and how staff can utilise it.	
Be aware of copyright law as it relates to the library and know who to	
refer staff clients to regarding copyright.	
Understand the interloans process and the guidelines as to who is	
eligible for interloans.	
APA referencing	
Core IT competencies including supporting the POD	Date checked
Microsoft Office support basic to medium including:	
Header/Footer editing	
spell/grammar checker	
 reference spacing, 	
• bold/italic	
 indenting esp. hanging indent 	
 paragraph/text spacing 	
• text alignment	
 table of contents headings 	
• margins	
• page breaks	
• page numbering	
Working with excel	
Using the scanner including:	
• image cropping	
• scanning to PDF	

image rotating and sizing	
Basic PC trouble shooting including:	
Saving to USB drive	
Printing including:	
Powerpoint slides as handouts	
• Colour	
Printing specific pages	
Transparencies	
Troubleshooting general printing issues	
Assisting with setting up student email	
• Understanding the role of the IT Service Desk - Escalating issues to IT Service	
Desk.	
 Assisting students to set up wireless access (using the instructions) 	
Function of Kiosk at enrolments	
Knowledge of CPIT computing policies	
Function of Jasper online	