

LIBRARY

VU Library principles and alignment with the VU strategic plan 2022-2028

The purpose of this plan is to address the key strategic drivers outlined in the Vice Chancellor's new strategy, in particular who we, as VU Library, need to work with and what measures we need in order to contribute to the strategy.

VU Library is a digital library service. During 2020 and 2021 and under successive COVID-19 lockdowns, it provided the digital infrastructure that enabled VU students and academics to study and work from home in digitally supported, remote mode. At the same time, the provision of informal learning spaces continues to be a regulatory requirement and VU Library continues to provide safe and managed social learning spaces via its campus libraries. How it positions these spaces going forward and applies the learnings from COVID-19 will be a key challenge in the next couple of years particularly in the context of constrained budgets and staffing.

VU Library has a unique role within the University, providing specific and quality information facilities, services and resources to benefit the learning, teaching and research experiences of VU students and staff, all sectors and levels of study, onshore and offshore.

While continuing to provide the underlying enabling services to the VU community, it is the Library's intent to contribute to the new strategy by:

- ~ Continuing to provide bespoke collections, services and access that underpin *Doing Dual Differently* and support tailored digital learning to enable students to start well and finish brilliantly.
- ~ Strengthening its internal and external strategic collaborations, including with CAUL, and partnerships to contribute to *Partnering with Principle*.
- ~ Enhancing research capability via the provision of workshops and developing its staff capability and capacity to support research in order to facilitate *Maximising Research Impact*.
- ~ Extending the reach of its services by amplifying its students-as-staff in improving services, and engaging with purpose with Colleges, VU Research and other areas of VU to ensure inclusive fit-for-purpose services and sustainable practices that support *Protecting Country*.
- ~ Enabling a dynamic Library workforce to continue to provide a student-centric digital Library and a central hub on campus for *a Thriving Place to Study and Work*.

More than ever, VU Library will apply its agility and expertise while providing value to the University as it moves through its new strategic plan.

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