

Peninsula Library through the years

These notes about the history of Peninsula Library were prepared for the Staff Bulletin by former manager Judy Hopley before she retired last year.

The first library on the Peninsula campus was situated in a room in "Struan" following the establishment of Frankston Teachers' College in 1959. When new buildings were completed the following year, the library was relocated to a few rooms in Building B.

In 1973, Building A was completed and the library moved from cramped conditions to share space with education staff and students in the new building. During this year the college became known as the State College of Victoria at Frankston.

Additional space was made available in Building A to cater for the expansion of library services after the creation of the Chisholm Institute of Technology resulting from the merger of the State College and the Caulfield Institute of Technology in 1982.

By the time of the merger between Chisholm and Monash University in 1990, the library had outgrown the allocated space in Building A and a submission was made by the University Librarian for a new library building. In 1995 approval was given for a library to be constructed on the site occupied by the student hostel. This building was demolished and the new library was completed at the end of 1997 with library services being available to staff and students in February 1998. An official opening of the new library building was held in April 1999.

The Peninsula Library provides students with a modern and bright environment in which to work together with access to a range of electronic, print and other resources to support their study and research.



Chisholm-Frankston Library c1980 (Building A)



Chisholm-Frankston Library c1989



Peninsula Library - 1999 (a new building)



Peninsula Library - 2008 (a new look)