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### The SLANSW Library Service Award 2024

The SLANSW Library Service Award is awarded to a member of the school community in recognition of their outstanding service to their school library. The recipient of this award for 2024 is Raelyn Carter, School Administration Officer (SAO) – Library at Cambewarra Public School.



Rae is an inspiring individual. She shows a deep commitment to the school community and a passion for the school library's role in education. Her journey, starting as a parent volunteer and evolving into a dedicated staff member, reflects a genuine desire to contribute to the school's success.

Rae consistently goes above and beyond her official part-time role by dedicating a full additional day a fortnight to the library, even volunteering during school holidays. Her willingness to do so demonstrates a selfless dedication to the betterment of Cambewarra Public School's library. Rae's recognition and addressing of the need for administrative support and proactive involvement shows her commitment to ensuring the library runs smoothly and the needs of students and staff are met in the best way possible.

Rae is extremely passionate about, and dedicated to, supporting the school library. So much so, that in 2021 she decided to pursue further study to enhance her knowledge and support the teacher librarian in the library. To this end, and with a background as a primary teacher, Rae is currently undertaking the Master of Education in Teacher Librarianship at Charles Sturt University.

It is commendable that Raelyn not only fulfills her official responsibilities but also actively engages and supports the teacher librarian in initiatives such as the library monitor program, resource lists, CBCA Book Week, library displays, and the general organisation and management of tasks in the library. She brings valuable insight and skills to her current role, enriching the school library and providing much-needed support for the teacher librarian. The fact that Rae willingly invests time and effort into her own professional development for the benefit of the library and the school community speaks volumes about her dedication and passion for school libraries.

Rae's efforts demonstrate that she significantly contributes to the success of the school library. She is an invaluable asset to Cambewarra Public School, and the positive impact she has had on school library operations, and, by extension, on teaching and learning, is immeasurable. Rae is a worthy recipient for the SLANSW Library Service Award.

Members of the School Library Association of New South Wales congratulate Rae on her outstanding service to her school library.



The [School Library Association of New South Wales](http://www.slansw.net.au) (SLANSW) is a professional association centered on professional learning, advocacy and research. Our membership is interested in learning about, and supporting and advocating for, the importance of school libraries as a part of the K-12 educational experience.

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