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Contrary to a recent headline in *The Age*, Siena College has not 'abolished' its Library nor dispensed with expert staff who bring their experience and commitment to ensuring the continued provision of all library services. The College Library has been transformed into a Learning Centre that continues to offer all library services to students and staff, including a significant collection of fiction and non fiction books, journals, newspapers, magazines and other print resources, as well as online access to other libraries. The Albertus Magnus Learning Centre includes spaces for quiet reading and for research. Our valued staff, especially our Library Technicians, support the ongoing resourcing of our community.

In 2018, an extensive consultation process was undertaken to look at ways in which the College could further enhance our wonderful Library. The steering committee conducted research, consulted with Heads of Learning, Library staff, surveyed staff and students, and read widely, including the NSW Education and Training Report of the School Libraries 21st Century, and the ASLA *Future Learning and School Libraries*.

We are excited at the opportunities this re-envisioned space presents and have renamed our Library a Learning Centre to reflect the expanded range of programs now offered there. Innovative learning possibilities, including the classic library offerings, have expanded rather than diminished, providing more options for our community that reflect learning and teaching in the 21st Century.

Siena College continues to see the Albertus Magnus Learning Centre (Library) as integral and indispensable in supporting our students' learning into the future.

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