

USING AND APPLYING IN-TEXT CITATIONS

You will use **in-text citations** at St Patrick's College when you use the following referencing systems:

- Harvard – uses author year format
- APA – uses author year format
- MLA – uses author location format (i.e. page number, time stamp, etc)

In-text citations are an important part of referencing correctly. An in-text citation shows your teacher where in your work you have used someone else's ideas or information.

The idea of an **in-text citation** is to link where you have used someone else's ideas or information in your work to the details about the source in your **reference list**.

There are two ways you can use other people's ideas in your work: by **direct quotation** or by **paraphrasing**.

A **direct quotation** is when you use the actual words of an author in exactly the same order as in their original work, with quotation marks.

Paraphrasing is when you express someone else's idea in your own words, usually to help achieve greater clarity. This is an alternative way of referring to an author's ideas or arguments without using **direct quotations** from their text.

If used correctly, **paraphrasing** has the benefit of fitting your own style of writing. However, it is important you do not change the original meaning and you still must cite and reference the source of your information.

The **in-text citation** is usually presented in brackets directly after the text you have quoted or paraphrased information, so it is easy for the reader to identify where you have found conducted your research.

In-text citations give brief details of the work that you are quoting from, or to which you are referring to in your text. This **in-text citation** alerts the reader to a source you have used to inform your own writing. The information in the citation must correspond to the entry in the reference list or works cited list at the end of your assignment.

AN IN-TEXT CITATION SHOULD GENERALLY FOLLOW THIS FORMAT

- Author or editor's surname or organizational name, or title if no author
- Year of publication,
- Page number (p.) or page numbers (pp.) if required

To make an in-text citation, simply put the author's surname and the year of publication in brackets directly after using someone else's ideas or information, usually at the end of the sentence or paragraph. For example:

Direct Quotation

"Until 1100 books were rare and were usually found only in monastery libraries" (Langley 1996).

"So much of the majesty of medieval objects comes from the spectacle of their surrounds – the vaulted ceilings and towering stained glass windows of Gothic cathedrals..." (Hooper 2016).

Paraphrasing

Westcott said some nutritional experts think extra vitamin E can protect you against heart disease (1999, p.30).
Judith Scott's exhibition *Bound and Unbound* includes both works of sculpture and works on paper, in a variety of mediums (Morris & Higgs 2014, p. 47).