

# 10 Great Tips

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[Google Scholar](#) allows you to do a broad search for relevant journal articles. There is a [Help](#) link on the bottom right corner of the Google Scholar search page, providing lots of great tips for improving your search (see also 'Learn the art of a good search' below). You can also access an 'Advanced Search' option from the menu on the top left. Using Google Scholar might be a good starting point to get an idea of what research is out there. You might then try finding specific articles through Catholic Education Melbourne's database subscription service (see below), available to all Catholic Education Melbourne and school staff.

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The following websites provide great links to research repositories, as well as summaries of education research:

- [Australian Teaching & Learning Toolkit](#)
- [Department of Education and Training \(DET\) Research and evaluation publications](#)
- [University of Melbourne Minerva Access](#) – Go to the Melbourne Graduate School of Education collection via the ‘Browse’ menu on the right and ‘Communities & Collections’
- [Australian Association for Research in Education \(AARE\)](#)
- [ACEReSearch](#)
- Australian Council for Educational Research (ACER) hosts the [Australian Education Research Theses database](#)
- [Australasian Open Access Strategy Group \(AOASG\)](#) maintains a list of open access repositories in Australia and New Zealand. Many universities and government departments provide access to their research via these repositories
- [Teaching Sprints](#) has collated many research resources

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You will find a wealth of recent research reports on the following sites:

- [Australian Institute for Teaching and School Leadership \(AITSL\)](#)
- [Grattan Institute](#)
- [Learning First](#)
- [Centre for Education Statistics and Evaluation](#)
- [OECD Education GPS](#)
- [Education Endowment Foundation \(UK\)](#)
- [Education Development Trust \(UK\)](#)

Try subscribing to the newsfeeds of one or two journals or organisations that focus on topics of interest or relevance to you. Then, when a new addition is published or a new paper is released, you will hear about it. Subscribing as a follower to blogs is also a great way to find out about new research from many organisations like AARE and ACER. Subscribe to the weekly newsletter from the [National Catholic Education Commission](#) which often highlights new and relevant research findings. You can also subscribe to the Catholic Education Melbourne *Research Burst* via [research@cem.edu.au](mailto:research@cem.edu.au). This termly newsletter includes links to current research-related information, recent reports, professional learning and resources to stimulate thinking, discussion and practice.

Searching for relevant, useful and accessible research papers can take a lot of time. As a teacher or leader, you have a limited amount of time to commit to finding and then reading the papers, let alone thinking through how you can apply the research to your classroom or school. So if you ever go to a conference or a professional learning activity, or you read something that you connect with and enjoy, try and find out if there is a way to keep in touch with the researcher (e.g. on Twitter or Facebook, or even by email). They might be happy to send you their papers or other materials of interest. This may open up connections to other relevant research or programs that meet your needs.

Other teachers at your school may already have hunted down the research papers that you are after. Ask around. Create a culture of generosity of knowledge with your colleagues and let people know when you have found something you think may interest them. Try and build research-sharing into team meetings or staff newsletters. Catholic Education Melbourne’s Research team has been exploring the role of ‘Research Leads’ as one way of supporting school engagement with research. Visit the [Research Leads](#) webpage for some information and videos that you might find useful when looking for ways to share your research.

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Perhaps the most extreme way to access educational research would be to enrol in a graduate certificate/diploma, master’s degree or PhD. Then you will have unlimited access to a vast amount of research through your university library.