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Student Book Club Chose Library's new Winter Book Collection

Members of Roseville College's Book Club marked the National Year of Reading by travelling to The Children's Bookshop, Beecroft, to select more than 100 new titles for the School library earlier this week.

An enthusiastic group of Middle School students participated in the "shopping spree" to choose the new book titles of interest to girls aged 13 - 17 years.

"In a student centred library like ours, with a passionate group of readers in the student body, it's critical that the students themselves have a stake in building and developing their collection," says Head of Library Services Mrs Jeanette Harkness. "So, we empowered our girls to select a range of fiction and non-fiction titles they and their peers would enjoy reading!"

Owner of The Children's Bookshop, Mr Paul Macdonald, says it is exciting and inspiring for a School to hand the power of choice to its students.

"Roseville College is one of only a handful of schools I've seen doing this," he says. "Together with a few College staff, the students and I toured the store exploring a range of sections and topics. The girls were then 'set free' to collect their thoughts and a handsome pile of books at the same time!"

One of these students was Year 9's Sophie Riddell, an inaugural member of the Book Club who says reading has become special for her because "sometimes we need a break from real life and books give you another world to go to". According to Sophie, there was excited screaming when Mr Macdonald presented the newly released *City of Lost Souls* by Cassandra Clare. "We have been waiting for this book to come out all year and it was only released in Australia two days earlier".

The students' new physical book collection will be complemented by an ebook catalogue for many of the same titles – as well as an extensive list of new ebook titles – in the College's soon-to-be launched OverDrive ebook platform.

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Photograph: (L-R) Head of Library Services, Mrs Jeanette Harkness, with a collection of the books chosen from The Children's Bookshop and members of the Roseville College Book Club: Eternity Lim, Yuka Nagata, Sophie Riddell, and Rebecca Long.



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