

## RUN LEARNING AND TEACHING AWARDS 2023

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**Abstract:** In response to students' calls for more diverse and engaging media content within our Master of Education: Teacher Librarianship (MEd.TL) curriculum, we've embarked on an exciting journey through the auditory realm – the world of podcasts.

The podcasts aim to connect the theoretical foundations MEd.TL students acquire with the practical wisdom they'll need as future teacher librarians. Our lineup of speakers are active leaders in the field of school libraries, who generously share their knowledge and experience. Thus far we have discussed the history and breadth of the TL role, strategies for building greater digital literacies across the school, the challenges of censorship and more.

These podcasts are easily accessible on the CSU Thinkspace platform and are accompanied by transcripts, time-stamped summaries and a range of supplementary resources. We've already unveiled a collection of ten podcasts for ETL401 Introduction to Teacher Librarianship, with another six in the pipeline for ETL402, Literature across the Curriculum.

Feedback from students has been overwhelmingly positive: "I love having content I can listen to, as it's easier for me to retain and focus. I thought the interviews were brilliant and I really got a lot out of them. I wish every subject had them!"