



## Duffy's e-Library for year 5-8 students

### INFORMATION

Duffy students reap the benefits of book ownership by choosing and receiving their brand-new print books each year. New to our programme in recent years is the addition of an e-library platform to support your literacy goals in a digital space. This resource for Duffy Schools was created to provide further opportunities for senior students and advanced/mature readers to access wider material from a range of Publishers. It allows them to borrow titles anywhere, anytime 24/7 year-round. The user-friendly App provides one touch reading, even after going offline. The customized display settings (including dyslexia friendly settings) have also proven very effective in enabling students who may have struggled to read standard print books in the past, or to enthuse reluctant readers. **The new translation tool** allows the reader to change the text into any language they choose including Te Reo Māori. We have included **Decodable Readers** to give any students who may be struggling a helping hand too.

**It's all about inspiring reading for pleasure, whatever the format.**

The addition of **audio books** allows for sharing at home, listening to stories with whanau or in class groups (teachers can use a Bluetooth speaker to listen to an audiobook as a class) and is also an excellent resource for ESOL students.

You may wish to trial it with a few senior students who are comfortable with and enjoy reading using a device, then they could role model it to their peers, or if you would like all your seniors to have access to the platform then that is fine too.

**The KEY is teacher buy-in**, senior class teachers get to know how to browse/borrow and navigate the platform themselves, and once they are confident, they can assist their students.

Once students are confident using the platform at school, you can also encourage them to download the app on their personal device if they have one, as they are also able to read at home even off-line, as they only need an internet connection initially to download a title, once they have done that it is available to them in the App.

Before the end of each year, you can update Duffy with the names of the new students coming into the senior year levels.

**The Duffy e-library is FREE for your school while you are participating in the usual Duffy Books in Homes Programme and the existing three annual Book Offers. Please contact [jacqui.whyte@booksinhomes.org.nz](mailto:jacqui.whyte@booksinhomes.org.nz) to register your interest.**

