

Peer Learning Assistants (PLAs)

Peer Learning Assistants facilitate a drop-in support service in the Learning Centre spaces in the Townsville and Cairns Libraries. It is a drop in peer-to-peer support service and point of contact for on-campus students. Peer Learning Assistants operate across the academic year, including Trimester 1,2 and 3 and Study Period 1 and 2.

Opening times:

Cairns

Wednesday and Thursday:

10.00am –1.30pm

Location: Ground floor of the Library (B1)

Townsville

Monday to Thursday: 10.30am –1.00pm

Location: Ground floor of the Eddie Koiki

Mabo Library

How PLAs can help students

Peer Learning Assistants are high achieving senior students from a range of disciplines.

PLAs facilitate a 'drop-in' service where students can obtain 15-20 minutes of academic support from a peer in areas such as:

- Time management and other study skills
- Note taking
- Problem solving
- Analysing assignment questions or task descriptions
- Academic writing
- Organising ideas for clarity of expression in writing
- Developing written arguments
- Feedback on up to three paragraphs of writings
- Integrating information from scholarly sources
- Basic numeracy
- Information about other academic support services.

PLAs offer a personalised drop-in support service. Students requiring specialised academic advice may be referred to an appropriate Learning Adviser.