



Premier's Reading Challenge Guidelines

1. The Premier's Reading Challenge is open to all students from Reception to Year 12 in South Australian government and non-government schools as well as home education students.
2. Students are challenged to read 12 books from the start of the school year until the first Friday in **September**.
3. Students will record the titles and authors of the books they read on the appropriate [Student Reading Record](#) on the Challenge website.
4. Teachers, teacher librarians, public librarians or parents/carers must sign each entry on the Student Reading Record. This indicates that a student has read (or shared in the reading of) a book at an appropriate literacy level and that the book title and author are accurate.
5. For **Reception - Year 7** students, at least 8 of the 12 books will be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the appropriate year level or at an appropriate literacy level for each student. A maximum of 4 books can be the student's own choice and should be of a similar standard to books on the list.
6. For **Year 8 and Year 9** students, at least 4 of the 12 books will be chosen from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist at the appropriate year level and the remaining 8 can be the student's own choice to cater for more diverse reading preferences at this level. The books should all be at an appropriate literacy level for each student and guidance may be required.
7. **Year 10, 11 or 12** students read 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level for each student and may include prescribed texts. The books will be signed by an adult in the usual way. Students will submit the form to the school contact person by the first Friday in September and schools will include these students when they add the data for all students.
8. The Premier's Reading Challenge should be inclusive for all students who are willing to take up the challenge to read 12 books. At the teacher's discretion, students may read more than 4 books not on the booklist (Reception - Year 7) or more than 8 books not on the booklist (Year 8 - 9).
9. The books in the MATURE category are most appropriate for students from Year 9 - 12.
10. If at least one book from a **series** is included on the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist, then any book from that series can also be included.
11. Students can read books at an appropriate level for their language proficiency or literacy level to achieve the Premier's Reading Challenge:
 - Books chosen from the Challenge booklist can be from the booklist for their year level and from **booklists for year levels above their own**. Guidance may be required for students in their choice of titles from booklists for older students.
 - **Students with disabilities** may read books that are at an appropriate literacy level for them and/or use texts that have been adapted to meet their individual learning and literacy needs including Braille texts, talking books, e-books, and books on tape, DVD or CD.
 - The challenge of reading books in other languages may appeal to students from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds who are learning English as a second language and those involved in First Language Maintenance and Development Programs. (eg: students with special needs, ESL students).
12. Schools are requested to nominate a **school contact person** to manage participation in the Challenge for their school. Students and classes do not register separately. Registration includes the details for two school contact people for all communication to be sent to both people. Also, the school's general contact will be used as a third contact to ensure that information is received at the school.
13. **Home education students or those participating individually** do *not* need to register. Simply download the [Student Reading Record](#) from the website and submit the completed form by the end of September directly to the Premier's Reading Challenge Manager.
14. The awards are: first year - certificate signed by the Premier, second year - bronze medal, third year - silver medal, fourth year - gold medal, fifth year - champion medal, sixth year - legend medal, seventh

year - hall of fame medal, eighth year – hall of fame reader for life award (R4L), ninth year – R4L bronze, tenth year – R4L silver, eleventh year – R4L gold, twelfth year – R4L champion, thirteenth year - R4L legend and fourteenth year – R4L hall of fame.

15. Fourth term is a time for celebration. Awards will be sent to schools in November and it is suggested that **presentations** are made at a special assembly involving your local Member of Parliament, a local identity, an author or an ambassador.
16. Students who have completed a Reading Challenge in **another Australian state or territory or overseas**, can have their previous records acknowledged:
 - Please verify students' prior completion of a similar Challenge,
 - Advise the Challenge office of the years completed for South Australian records to be updated.
17. 55 schools with outstanding achievement of students completing the Challenge are invited to the **Premier's Reception** in November and will be awarded a certificate and books for their school libraries. In fairness to all schools, it will be unlikely that schools will be invited to the Premier's Reception more than once. Schools with continuing outstanding achievement in the Challenge will receive a certificate signed by the Premier.
18. The books students are reading for the Premier's Reading Challenge can also be included in other literacy programs such South Australian Accelerated Literacy Program (SAALP).