



Hon Jay Weatherill MP  
Premier of South Australia

Welcome back to a new school year and the fourteenth year of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia.

I am challenging South Australian students from Reception to Year 12 to read twelve books by 8 September 2017.

Also, for the first time, there will be a reader for life hall of fame award presented to students who have completed the Premier's Reading Challenge fourteen times.

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues remarkably, with over 131300 students completing the Challenge in 2016 from 704 schools. Many students educated at home also took part in the Challenge.

Almost 97 per cent of all South Australian schools had students completing the Challenge. This is an outstanding achievement and I thank you all for your time and efforts in supporting children and their families to complete the Challenge.

I congratulate all of these schools on their results.

The Challenge has been fortunate to have seventeen high profile and enthusiastic ambassadors who inspire students to enjoy reading and achieve their goals. Adelaide United Football Club, Adelaide Lightning Basketball Club, Port Adelaide Football Club, Adelaide Football Club, Thunderbirds Netball Club and SA Scorpions have also thrown their support behind the Challenge and Premier's *be active* Challenge as joint ambassador teams.

The Premier's Reading Challenge continues to be an important initiative that supports the State Government's commitment to increase the literacy skills of young South Australians and encourage them to enjoy reading.

Information about the Challenge is available on this website, by telephoning 8226 2006 or by email at [prc@sa.gov.au](mailto:prc@sa.gov.au). A school contact person is requested to coordinate your school's participation on behalf of all teachers, staff and students at your school.

I encourage all students to discover the world of reading with the Premier's Reading Challenge and keep up the momentum. I wish you every success in 2017.

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