



The Hon Steven Marshall MP
Premier of South Australia

Welcome back to a new school year and the 17th year of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia. I am challenging South Australian students from Reception to Year 12 to read 12 books by 4 September 2020. The Premier's Reading Challenge continues remarkably, with over 132352 students from 706 schools completing the Challenge in 2019. 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 school staff and parents 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 22 high profile and enthusiastic ambassadors who inspire students to enjoy reading and achieve their goals. Adelaide United Football Club, Adelaide Lightning Basketball Club, Adelaide 36ers 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 Literacy Guarantee for young South Australians and encourages them to enjoy reading.

Information about the Challenge is available on the website www.prc.sa.edu.au, by telephoning (08) 8226 2006, or by email at 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 2020.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'S Marshall'.

Steven Marshall

PREMIER OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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