

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.

How can you find out about the Challenge?

All information about the Premier's Reading Challenge can be found at: www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au. Accessing the Challenge guidelines is very useful.

Who can participate?

All students from Reception to Year 12 are encouraged to participate, including South Australian government and non-government school students and students undertaking home education.

How do schools get started?

The school principal nominates a school contact person to register the school. The school contact person organises the management of Student Reading Records listing the books read by students and the distribution of awards.

Home education and individual students

Home education students or those who want to take up the Challenge individually do not need to register. Simply download a Student Reading Record from the Home Education section of the website under Families and submit the completed form early in September. www.premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au

Public libraries

Public libraries strongly support the Challenge. Students are encouraged to use public libraries to borrow books they would like to read (including e-books). The Challenge website can be accessed from computers at public libraries.

Students can read a combination of books from the Challenge booklists and books of their own choosing. Students can choose to read books in languages other than English. The [booklists](#) are available on the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

- Reception to Year 6 students select at least 8 books from the booklists on the Premier's Reading Challenge website and 4 books of their own choice.
- Year 7, 8 and 9 students select at least 4 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklists and 8 books of their own choice.
- Year 10, 11 and 12 students select 12 books of their own choice at an appropriate literacy level.
- Students are encouraged to keep reading once they have completed 12 books.

Awards - the 'Olympics of reading' and beyond...

Students who complete the Challenge receive awards from the Premier for their achievements in a similar fashion to sporting stars! Awards for completing the Challenge are:

- Certificate – first year
- Bronze medal – second year
- Silver medal – third year
- Gold medal – fourth year
- Champion medal – fifth year
- Legend medal – sixth year
- Hall of Fame medal – seventh year
- Hall of Fame Reader for Life – eighth year onwards reflecting the number of years participated up to the final, fourteenth year.



Premier's Reading Challenge Ambassadors

Ambassadors are high profile South Australian identities, who are keen to promote the Challenge and spread the message that reading is 'cool'. Adelaide United Football Club, Adelaide Lightning and Adelaide 36ers, Adelaide Football Club, Port Adelaide Football Club, the Thunderbirds and the Scorpions are joint ambassador teams with the Premier's *be active* Challenge.

Links with other programs

The Premier's Reading Challenge complements other school and community literacy initiatives including the Accelerated Literacy Program, the Early Years Literacy Program and The Little Big Book Club.

If students have previously completed a Reading Challenge in another state, this will be acknowledged in South Australia by notifying your school contact person.

Reading success

Each year around 130, 000 students from over 95% of South Australian schools as well as home education students complete the Challenge. Many students read far more than 12 books.

The Premier's Reception is held in November each year with 55 schools invited to the event that demonstrate outstanding achievement. They each receive books and a certificate from the Premier. Schools that continue their outstanding achievement in future years are sent a certificate signed by the Premier.

Benefits of taking part in the Challenge

- Raises the profile of reading, libraries and literacy in schools
- Gives students a focus for their reading
- Encourages students to read more books and enjoy reading more - the more you read the better you get at it!
- Encourages boys to participate by being 'challenged'
- Offers incentives for reluctant readers
- Builds self-esteem and pride, school unity, and a sense of achievement
- Increases the involvement of parents in their child's reading
- Increases library borrowing
- Contributes to increased literacy levels.

For further information

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