



ACCELERATED READER

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading program that we are using to support and monitor your son's reading practice. He will be able to go to the School Library and pick books at his own level and read them at his own pace. When finished, he will take a short online quiz to measure how much of the book he understood.

In order to determine his reading level, each term during Weeks 4 and 5, he will sit a Star Reading Test. This adaptive test uses multiple-choice questions and takes around 20-30 minutes to complete.

AR includes over 30 000 books. Each book is assigned three scores to help your son make suitable choices. The librarian and classroom teacher will also be able to provide support.

Book Level: Book levels represent the difficulty of the text. The Star Reading test will tell your son what range of Book Levels to read within. This is called the Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD).

Points: Books are assigned points based on their word count. Points are earned by passing quizzes. The boys are set personalised targets each term by their teacher.

Interest Level: The Interest Level indicates for which age group a book is suitable for based on the content and themes.

Interest Level	Age (in years)
LY – Lower Years	5-8
MY – Middle Years	9-12
MY+ - Middle Years +	12 +
UP – Upper Years	14 +

Your son's teacher will record the ZPD for your son in his diary. A list of levelled books from our School library is available on the Knox Library Page. The website <https://www.arbookfind.com.au/> may also be useful in finding books.

Kind regards,

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