



ACCELERATED READER

YEAR 6 PARENT GUIDE

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a reading program that we are using to support and monitor your son's reading practice. The aim of this program is also to extend the genres from which your child reads, so as to widen his reading scope.

STAR READING TEST:

- This is an adaptive test that takes 20-30mins to complete and takes place at school each term.
- This test will tell your son what range of Book Levels to read within. Book Levels represent the difficulty of the text. This is called the Zone of Proximal Development (ZPD). Your son will receive a 'ZPD' at the conclusion of the test, which will be recorded in his diary.

BOOK SELECTION:

- AR includes over 30 000 books.
- Your son will be choosing books from the school library within his range. A list of levelled books from the library is available on the Knox Library Page. The website <https://www.arbookfind.com.au/> may also be useful in finding books. It is helpful for boys to review the list of books and record the ones he plans to read from within his range in his diary. This will allow him to maximise his time when visiting the library.
- Your son will begin reading books in the **lower half** of his range, e.g. a child with a range of 4.9 – 8.4 would begin by reading books in the range 4.9-6.0.
- Each book is assigned points based on their word count. Points are earned by passing AR quizzes.

AR QUIZZES

- At the completion of a book, your son will complete a quiz at school during his home classroom time. We will not consider quizzes taken at home.
- This quiz will be completed during Drop Everything and Read (DEAR).
- When your son passes **at least four** quizzes in the **lower half** of his range, he should begin reading books in the **upper half** of his range and complete the relevant **quizzes**. The pass mark is 80%.

YEAR SIX GOAL

- Each term the boys will be set a reading goal relating to AR. **In Term One, this goal is to read two fiction and two non-fiction books from within their ZPD range and to complete the associated AR quizzes. Achievement of this will result in the boys receiving a Wisdom Values Sticker.**
- In addition to the above, all Year Six boys will completing the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) this year. When reading, the boys can choose AR books that also fit the criteria for the PRC.

If you have any further questions, please contact your son's classroom teacher.