

Premier's Reading Challenge

Tips for parents and carers of children participating in the Challenge

Term 1 – prior to Challenge opening

- Find out the names of your school's Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) coordinators and how they plan to administer the Challenge.
- If your child attends a school that does not participate in the PRC, or if your child is homeschooled, complete an [independent or homeschool registration form](#).
- Familiarise yourself with the PRC student website. There is a [video on the PRC Support site](#) that you can watch that demonstrates how login, search for books and add them to a Student Reading Record (SRR). Our support site also provides [how-to guides](#) on these same steps.

Note: Students are unable to log onto the PRC website until the Challenge opens.

- Visit the [Premier's Reading Challenge Support website](#). It allows you to search for information about the PRC and how to use the PRC website and also how to contact the PRC team.
- Set reminders for [Challenge opening and closing dates](#) in your and your child's calendar.

Once the Challenge opens:

- For younger children, find out your child's login details.
 - **Public Schools:** Students use their DoE login details – the same one they use to access computers and the internet at school.
 - **Non-government schools:** Students will need to contact the PRC coordinator at their school if they cannot remember their login details.

- Assist your child to check their [Challenge history](#). If your child has recently moved schools and challenge history is missing, please contact the [PRC team](#) as their accounts may need to be merged.
- Assist your child to borrow books from the school or local library. Listen to your child read and talk about the story/ characters/ information. Read to or with your child if they are participating in the K-2 Challenge.
- Help your child to add books to their Student Reading Record regularly.
- Follow the PRC on Instagram - @PremiersReadingChallengeNSW and The Arts Unit on Facebook to keep up to date about information about the Challenge throughout the year.

Contact your child's PRC coordinator if:

- Your child has any difficulty using her/his logon details to access the PRC website.
- You are concerned that your child's name is spelt incorrectly in the PRC website.

Before the Challenge closes

- Check your child's online Student Reading Record has the required number of books recorded to complete the Challenge by the student closing date. School PRC coordinators have an extra two weeks to validate the SRR. Only students with a validated SRR are eligible for a certificate.
- In the final weeks of the Challenge, log on regularly to the website to check the status of your child's SRR. Contact your child's PRC coordinator if you are concerned your child's SRR has not been validated.

If your child participates independently or is homeschooled:

- Once your child's reading record is complete, contact the PRC team to request their reading record be validated.

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