



Dear Parents and Carers

Accelerated Reader (AR) and STAR Assessments (Years 5 and 7)

St Pius X College, Chatswood is committed to helping every student develop strong reading skills and a genuine love of reading. As you know, Year 5 and Year 7 commenced the Accelerated Reader program at the start of last term.

Your son should be regularly reading and filling out his Reading Log. The Reading Log should be kept within the plastic sleeve in his school diary. If your son has misplaced his Log, he can collect a new one from the library. Your son's AR Target should be achieved by the end of this term. This is dependent on your son reading texts that fall within his Reading Range and to be reading regularly (at least 20 minutes per day as homework). All reading needs to be recorded on his Reading Log and be signed by a parent/carer or teacher that has witnessed the reading. After finishing a text, students will use Accelerated Reader to complete a short online quiz to check understanding and comprehension. Boys who have not recorded their regular reading will be unable to complete the quiz. Reading that is recorded must have been done in Terms 2 and 3 and not include book titles read in the past (unless they choose to read them again).

St Pius X College is introducing these initiatives to provide a clear, consistent measure of reading progress over time and to build reading confidence, fluency and comprehension.

Accelerated Reader will be completed during Year 7 English and Year 5 Library and class reading lessons, with students guided through the process by their classroom teacher and the Teacher Librarians. Year 7 students can also complete AR quizzes during break times in the Senior Library (remember to bring your signed Reading Log and laptop).

To check if a book title is part of the Accelerated Reader program, [click here](#).

We strongly encourage parents/carers to register their email for regular updates on your son's reading progress. Please see the instructions for Home Connect below. This [URL](#) will prompt your son to use their school login (choose Microsoft). Once logged in, there is an option at the bottom of the login page to register your email.

For Parents and Guardians



Get Email Updates
Track your child's work



If you have any questions about Accelerated Reader or STAR Reading Assessment, please contact the College to discuss.