

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

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 have commenced the Accelerated Reader program and have completed STAR Reading Assessments.

The STAR Reading adaptive test will be repeated in Term 4, allowing the College to identify strengths, target areas for improvement and track reading progress over time.

Your son should now have a Reading Log which has his Terms 2/3 Reading Range and AR Target. The Reading Log should be kept within the plastic sleeve in his school diary. The AR Target needs to be achieved by the end of Term 3 and 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. English teachers, Teacher Librarians and teachers will monitor reading practice, quiz results and progress, providing feedback to students to encourage consistent reading habits. 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).

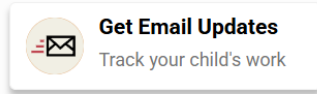
St Pius X College is introducing these initiatives to provide a clear, consistent measure of reading progress over time and to build reading confidence, fluency and comprehension.

Accelerated Reader will be completed during Year 7 English and Year 5 Library reading lessons, with students guided through the process by their classroom teacher and library teachers. 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. The URL below will prompt your son to use their school login. Once logged in, there is an option at the bottom of the login page to register your email.

## For Parents and Guardians



# RENAISSANCE<sup>®</sup>

Home Connect<sup>™</sup>

*John*

*Class*

*St Pius X College*

Monday, 18 May, 2026

**Dear Parent or Guardian:**

John uses a software program called Renaissance at school. This program has a special feature called Home Connect, which John and you can access outside of school from any computer with an Internet Connection. Home Connect allows you to view information about John 's progress. It also allows you to sign up to receive email notifications after John completes an activity or assessment at school.

You can log in to Home Connect from any computer with an Internet Connection and compatible browser. For a list of compatible browsers, type the following in any browser:  
<https://docs.renaissance.com/R37776>

**To log in to Home Connect Website:**

<https://global-zone60.renaissance-go.com/studentprogress/homeconnect?t=1483145>

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