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Premier's Reading Challenge 2020

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Dear Parents and Guardians

I am delighted to invite all Year 7 and 8 St Joseph's College students to join in the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge. The reading period for the challenge commences on Monday 11 May (Term 2, Week 4) and closes Friday 28 August (Term 3, Week 7).

Reading plays an important part in students' lives during their school years and beyond. It allows children to actively engage their imagination and opens up a world of educational opportunities.

Last year, 168,000 students from 937 schools took part in the challenge, reading an astounding 2.31 million books- with many of our own students contributing to these numbers. What an incredible result!

This year the Premier has invited all state and non-state school students to take on the challenge, with Years 7 and 8 students aiming to read at least 15 books. Experiencing books can include shared reading and listening to stories; and the vast range of text types included in the challenge allow all students to be involved (printed books, eBooks, virtual books, digital publications, graphic novels, comic books, audio books, braille books, newspapers, magazines, recipe books, and books in languages other than English). The aim for the 2020 challenge is to engage more students reading more books than ever before.

Our Year 7 and 8 students have already been registered to take part in the challenge by our Teacher Librarian, Mrs Kirstie Andrews, and will be encouraged to use their silent reading sessions at the beginning of each English lesson to be involved. Class English teachers will assist students with recording their reading progress.

Every student who completes the challenge of reading 15 books in the set time period will receive a Certificate of Achievement signed by the Premier. Students who participate but don't complete the challenge receive a Certificate of Participation from the school. It will be my great pleasure to present these certificates during the Premier's Reading Challenge celebration weeks of 2 – 13 November 2020.

For more information about the Premier's Reading Challenge, please visit:
readingchallenge.education.qld.gov.au

You can play a big part in your children's future by encouraging them to be part of this positive initiative.

I look forward to seeing as many of our Years 7 and 8 students as possible take part in the 2020 Premier's Reading Challenge.

Yours sincerely

Kort Goodman
Principal

Let's create your best future, **together.**

