

RENAISSANCE at home

FOR FAMILIES: Supporting Students using Accelerated Reader

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As you may already be aware, your student is part of the Renaissance Accelerated Reader program at school. This program encourages students to read books within a targeted range of book levels and complete quizzes after finishing the book to determine their comprehension of the content.

Renaissance understands that in these current circumstances, you may want your child to be reading and engaging with texts at home. With that in mind, we are providing students with the ability to complete quizzing at home. This maintains reading and literacy skills during school closures and enables teachers to monitor your child's progress during these closures.

Students will have their own usernames and passwords. They will need a device to access the Renaissance Place link. This has been provided below:

After logging in, students will go to the Home page, where they will see tiles for Star Reading and Accelerated Reader.

At home, you should be encouraging your student to be reading for a minimum of 20 minutes every day. This can be online with tools like myON or with physical books.

Parents and teachers can:

- Ensure students have extra books to take home from school/classroom libraries or access to digital reading materials, like myON.
- Have students record what they are reading, pages read each day, their quiz scores, and their progress toward personalised goals on a student reading log. This helps you monitor students' daily reading and helps students become accountable for their own practice.
- Encourage students to read Accelerated Reader Articles (the third tile on the student dashboard)
- Direct students to search bookshelves at home, the local library or school library for appropriate AR book titles and use Accelerated Reader BookFinder (www.arbookfind.com.au) to check the level.

Things to Remember:

- Students should only take quizzes when they have finished reading the book.
- To ensure integrity of data, students should not be assisted or guided in answering questions. The quizzes are developed at the same level of difficulty as the book so students should be comfortable reading the questions independently.
- Encourage students to use different strategies while they read (especially lengthier, more difficult books) to help cement their understanding. This could include a reading log, chapter summaries, writing out plot timelines or storyboarding sequences from the book.
- Higher ability readers should be encouraged to read widely. They already *read well*, let's help them become *well read*. Encourage reading non-fiction texts, more challenging novels, newspapers, magazines and other materials in conjunction with AR books.

Technical Specifications

Accelerated Reader is compatible with the following devices:

- Windows Computers
- MacBooks
- iPads
- Android Tables
- ChromeBooks
- Kindle Fire HD

Supported Web Browsers

- Windows – Internet Explorer 10.x–11.x1
- Firefox - five most recent versions
- Chrome – five most recent versions
- Macintosh – Safari 7 and later, Firefox - five most recent versions
- Chrome – five most recent versions