



St Augustine Primary School

Literacy Pro Home Reading Policy

Literacy Pro is an online platform for measuring the comprehension and reading ability of children. Through the use of this program students are assigned a number that corresponds to a range of books that can be found within any library. By reading books at their level and to their interests, students are more likely to be engaged in reading. Research shows that the more a child reads, the better their vocabulary and writing ability develops, leading to an increase in their overall Literacy skills.

The Literacy Pro system is used in years 3-6 as the take home reading program and in line with the school Homework policy. Unless the book is of great length, students should be completing a book and corresponding comprehension test at least weekly. It is the responsibility of the classroom teacher to ensure that adequate reading is occurring.

- Students who are in years 3-6 will use the Literacy Pro System for take home reading. In these years, students will be required to read for the length of time in compliance with the set homework policy.
- To be placed on the Literacy Pro system, students need to have completed PM Benchmark level 30 which means they are an independent reader. Students in year three, who have not yet reached this level, will still be able to access the program however they will be supplemented with a take home reader at their level from the classroom teacher.
- Under certain conditions, students in year K - 2 may be admitted on to the Literacy Pro program with consultation of the Literacy Pro program coordinator.
- Students will do the Literacy Pro levelling test within the first two weeks of each new term. This is the only way students can be moved up levels in the program. If, using professional judgment, teachers believe the results from this test to be inaccurate students may sit the test again before the required timeframe in consultation with the Literacy Pro co-coordinator.
- Students choose and read a book from the Library within the range of their achieved level. They may choose books in the range of 100 points below to 50 points above. (E.g. Literacy Pro assessed level = 600; reading range = 500-650.)
- Students may have one Literacy Pro leveled book out at one time.

Before changing books students will need to have passed the relevant comprehension test based on that book. The pass rate for this test is 7/10. If a student fails this test 3 times, they may swap the book. Students will use their allocated library session to check out books. Students will be able to borrow books outside of their set library times in consultation with the classroom teacher.

If a student finds a text disengaging or uninteresting, they may change books before finishing at the discretion of the classroom teacher.