



## The Hon Daniel Andrews MP

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Dear Parent/Guardian

I am delighted to invite you and your children to participate in the twelfth annual Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge (the Challenge).

In the Education State developing our young readers is at the heart of ensuring that all Victorian children and young people have the chance to succeed in learning and in life.

For over a decade, the Challenge has helped inspire children to read more widely, more often and to develop a love of reading. The Challenge is not a competition; it's a personal challenge for children up to Year 10 to read a set number of books over six months.

Since the Challenge began in 2005, over two million students have read an incredible 38 million books.

For children from Prep to Year 2 the Challenge is to read or experience 30 books, and for students in Years 3 to 10 the challenge is to read 15 books. For children from birth to five, the Challenge is for parents and carers to read 40 books with their child/children.

For parents new to the Challenge, you will find it's a great way to motivate your children to read more and discover exciting new titles from the extensive list of more than 9,000 books. This list is updated regularly by an expert panel. Reading books in other languages is also encouraged and counts towards the Challenge.

Children who complete the Challenge will be rewarded with a certificate of achievement signed by me and former Premiers John Cain, Jeff Kennett, Steve Bracks, John Brumby, Ted Baillieu and Denis Naphthine, who all support the Challenge. They will also have the opportunity to see their name on an online honour roll, and view a special video to congratulate participants.

More information about the Challenge can be found on the official website at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc). Here you will find comprehensive information about key dates, frequently asked questions for parents and students, guidelines and the 2016 Challenge booklist which is regularly updated. You can also stay informed, share stories, tips and recommended reads on the Challenge Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com.au/VicPRC](http://www.Facebook.com.au/VicPRC)

Along with former Premiers, the Minister for Education and the Minister for Families and Children, I wish your children the best of luck for the 2016 Premiers' Reading Challenge.

Yours sincerely

**The Hon Daniel Andrews MP**

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