



# Book Quest Challenge

## A SPW Reading Pathways Program

The Book Quest Challenge will support your child's journey as they become independent readers, helping to build confidence as they transition to more advanced texts.

### About the Program

Reading for pleasure opens new worlds for children, sparking their imagination and allowing them to explore new ideas. Once children have mastered the phonic code and can successfully decode text, they shift their focus in reading to accessing more complex texts. Reading aloud to a parent each night is a vital component of children's reading development, especially as they transition to more complex texts. This practice builds knowledge of text structure, genre, boosts their reading fluency and vocabulary and helps children view reading as an enjoyable activity.

To support students on their journey as they transition to select more advanced text, we have introduced the Book Quest

Challenge. The program is designed to guide them as they move from classroom reader sets to more independent 'free reading'. Through this program, students will learn to see the library as their new 'reader box' for home reading practice.

As children begin to choose their own books for daily reading, many feel excited about the opportunity, but some may also feel overwhelmed by the wide range of options. The Book Quest Challenge is specifically designed to help them navigate this transition, providing the support and confidence they need to select books that will enhance their reading skills and enjoyment.

### How Does the Program Work?

The Book Quest Challenge is a small group program for children who have completed the SPW Reader sets. This program helps your child learn how to select books from the library for their daily home reading.

Your child will attend a session once a week for four weeks. These sessions will be held in the library from 8:35 to 8:50am on their designated day. You will be informed of your child's specific session time by their classroom teacher.

They are welcome to return their library books at each session. They are also welcome to visit the library before and after school to exchange books for home reading.

Over the course of the Book Quest Challenge, your child will complete four activities designed to develop their book selection skills. Upon completion of the program, they will receive a certificate recognising their readiness to independently choose reading material from the library for daily home practice.



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## Program Outline

### Session 1 – Where Do All the Books Live?

In this session, your child will explore the different areas of the library and learn where to find various types of books.

### Session 2 – Is This Book a Good Fit?

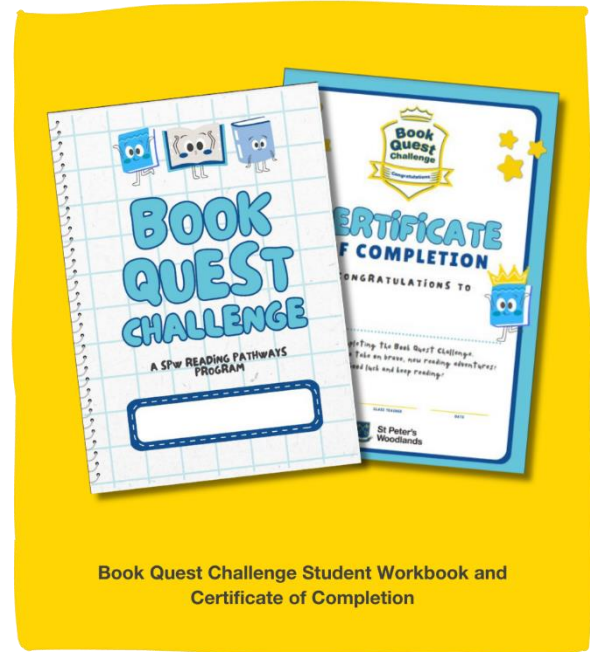
Your child will discover how to select a book that matches their reading ability, ensuring they choose books that are both enjoyable and appropriately challenging.

### Session 3 – What Am I Interested In?

This session encourages your child to reflect on their personal interests and learn where to find books in the library that align with those interests.

### Session 4 – What Clues Help Me Choose a Book?

In this session, your child will learn to use different clues, such as book covers, summaries, and genres, to help them choose the right book to read.



Book Quest Challenge Student Workbook and Certificate of Completion

As children complete the Book Quest Challenge they will receive a certificate of achievement. The Book Quest Challenge program gives students, parents and teachers a shared language to continue engaging children in home reading practice and begins the process of ensuring students have the necessary tools and skills needed to appropriately select texts.

## Important Notes

As children transition to independent free reading, where they can use the library as their new 'reader box', it's important for students and families to keep the following in mind:

- Children are welcome to visit the library before or after school, or during their library lesson, to borrow books for home reading. Parents are also encouraged to come to the library with their child before or after school to help them choose their books, or to encourage children to make their selections independently.
- Each week, children should have at least one novel for their daily reading practice. They may borrow up to 4 books in Yr 2 and up to 5 books in Yr 3 and can return and borrow books on any school day. Additionally, they can choose books from home for their reading.
- It's essential for children to continue recording their daily reading in their Reader Log or Student Diary. This helps maintain effective communication between home and school.
- We encourage children to apply the strategies they have learned in the program to select books that are suitable for their reading level and interests.
- We understand that children may need reminders about the strategies introduced in the Book Quest Challenge program. We encourage you to continue discussing these strategies with your child and their classroom teacher, especially if they need additional support in selecting books for home reading practice.

