STAR Assessments

and

Accelerated Reader

Monitoring Year 7 students' independent reading practice

STAR Assessments

- A computerised reading assessment that uses computer-adaptive technology.

- Determines the student's reading levels, using:

- Series of multiple-choice questions, taking approximately 20 minutes.

- Questions continually adjust to student's responses
  - if the response is correct the difficulty level is increased.
  - if the response is incorrect the difficulty level is reduced.

STAR Reading™

What is Accelerated Reader (AR)?

- AR is a computer program that helps monitor children's independent reading practice.

- Each student picks a book within their predetermined reading level and reads it at their own pace.

- When finished the student takes a short quiz on the computer – passing the quiz is an indication that the student has understood what was read.

- AR gives students and staff feedback based on the quiz results, which is used to help set goals and direct future reading practice.

Accelerated™ Reader

Choice of Books

- Students may choose their own books to read from over 3000 titles available in the school library with AR linked quizzes.

- Staff will guide the students to their appropriate reading levels. Levels that are challenging without being frustrating.

- Students will be directed to move up their reading levels as they experience success in the quizzes, or to try a lower level if they are finding the quizzes too hard.

How will I know how my child is doing?

- As a parent you can access your child's AR information in Renaissance Home Connect from a computer with web access. A link to this site is found on the 'Oliver' page of the school website, you need your child's username and password to log in.

- Here you can view average pass rate on quizzes, number of points earned and results of the last quiz taken.

- You have the option to receive email notifications when your child has completed an Accelerated Reader Quiz.

- Quizzes may only be taken at school.

Motivational Rewards

Quiz Results

- For every 100% correct quiz the student receives a tag to go on their school bag

Certificates

- Accumulated points go towards various certification goals, such as *Ready Reader, Independent Reader, Advanced Reader* and *Super Reader*