



SYDNEY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
an academically selective school for boys

Boys Read at Sydney Technical High School

It is crucial for parents to select books for boys which fit with their interests and preferences if we are to foster reading for enjoyment. Providing boys with plenty of opportunities to browse and select books freely from libraries and bookshops will encourage their reading and improve literacy levels more than if we adults impose our own choices upon them.

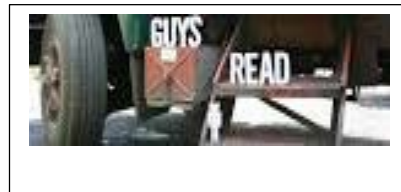
The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) online booklists provide an excellent range of quality fiction and non-fiction titles which are suitable for students in Years 7-9. The PRC is run by Ms E. Campbell, the teacher librarian. Students need to read 20 books between September 1 and August 21 of the following year, at least 15 of which are on the PRC booklists. <https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/booklist/home.html>



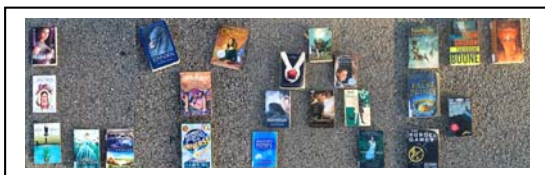
There are a range of other websites which can help guide parents' reading choices including:



Inside A Dog
From the State Library of Victoria:
www.itomic.com.au/case/inside-a-dog/



Guys Read
Books for boys. Scroll down the lists of books that boys like to read as "At least one explosion": www.guysread.com



Literature Young Adult Fiction
A blog by young adult readers
<http://literatureyoungadultfiction.com/>



The Children's Book Council
of Australia

Award Winning Australian Literature
Includes indexes for past winners including notable books:
<http://cbca.org.au/awardshistory.htm>

Online Books:

International Children's Digital Library: the best in children's literature from around the world available online free of charge: <http://en.childrenslibrary.org/>

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A Suggested List of Contemporary Fiction for Gifted and Talented Students

Action and adventure: The characters in these stories can always expect the worst; the character can, and usually do, have multiple life-threatening problems thrown at them. These stories have fast-paced action, weaponry, and violence. Characters may include but are not limited to pirates, warriors and soldiers.

The Way of the Warrior by Chris Bradford

Jimmy Coates: Killer by Joe Craig

Silverfin by Charlie Higson

Stormbreaker by Anthony Horowitz

The Escape by Robert Muchamore

Hatchet by Gary Paulsen,

Hover Car Racer by Matthew Reilly

Survival by Chris Ryan

Street Fighter by Simon Scarrow

Tiger by Jeff Stone

H.I.V.E. by Mark Walden

Fantasy: Stories characterised by magic, wizardry, dragons, unicorns, swords and sorcery... maybe a few talking animals too.

The Peculiar by Stefan Bachmann

The Looking Glass Wars by Frank Beddor

Artemis Fowl by Eoin Colfer

Gregor the Overlander by Suzanne Collins

The Spook's Apprentice by Joseph Delaney

The Outcasts by John Flanagan

Inkheart by Cornelia Funke

Redwall by Brian Jacques

Skulduggery Pleasant by Derek Landy

The Maleficent Seven by Derek Landy

Mortlock by Jon Mayhew

Wildwood by Colin Meloy & Carson Ellis

The Wind singer by William Nicholson

The Keys to the Kingdom by Garth Nix

Airborn by Kenneth Oppel

The Angel Experiment by James Patterson

Blaze of Glory by Michael Pryor

The Lost Hero by Rick Riordan

Magyk by Angie Sage

The Cloud Hunters by Alex Shearer

The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkien

Storm Thief by Chris Wooding

Mixed Bag: A bit of crime, some mystery, modern classics – just great stories.

Underworld by Catherine McPhail

Red Dog by Louis de Bernieres

Don't Call me Ishmael! by Michael Bauer

The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas by John Boyne

Holes by Louis Sachar

Blood Runner by James Riordan

The Silver Sword by Ian Serrallier

Whodunnit? Short stories chosen by Philip Pullman

Other Worlds: Stories about space exploration, robots, medical experiments, genetic manipulation, time travel. These stories are usually set on earth in an alternate future or on other planets.

Ender's Game by Orson Scott Card

Over Sea, Under Stone by Susan Cooper

The Journal of Curious Letters by James Dashner

Tunnels by Roderick Gordon

The Disappeared by C.J. Harper

Lost Worlds by Andrew Lane

Arrival by Chris Morpheus

Fight for the Future by Jeff Norton

The Angel Experiment by James Patterson

Northern Lights by Philip Pullman

Mortal Engines by Philip Reeve

Time Riders by Alex Scarrow

The Mysterious Benedict Society by Trenton Lee Stewart

The Amazing Life of Dead Eric by Nury Vittachi

The Day of the Triffids by John Wyndham

Horror Stories, Vampires and Zombies: stories about monsters, whether supernatural or human. They include witches and warlocks; ghosts and haunted house; golems, mummies, and reanimated stalkers (zombies); rampant animals; small town horror; splatter punk; techno and medical horror; telekinesis and Mind Control.

Hunter and collector by S. Carey

The Graveyard Book by Neil Gaiman

Raven's Gate by Anthony Horowitz

Breathe: A Ghost Story by Cliff McNish

Funny Business: these stories are filled with funny and amusing situations or characters. They are meant purely to entertain.

My Life and Other Stuff I made up by Tristan Bancks

Just Doomed! By Andy Griffiths

The Cockroach War by Jonathan Harlen

Undone by Paul Jennings

Diary of a Wimpy Kid by Jeff Kinney

Con-nerd by Oliver Phommavanh

The Curse of the Bogle's Beard by Siobhan Rowden

Funny Business by Jon Scieszka (ed.)

The Teenage Years by Jamie Thomson

Osbert the Avenger by Christopher William Hill

Graphic Novels: Comic books.

Fullmetal Alchemist by Hiromu Arakawa

The Stonekeeper by Kazu Kibuishi

Naruto by Masashi Kishimoto

Guards! Guards! By Terry Pratchett

Out from Boneville by Jeff Smith

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