

Reading Guidelines

For a student to make successful progress through the stages in this guide he/she must be engaged in a program that explicitly teaches systematic, synthetic phonics.

Staged Implementation of the Decodable Readers Australia Series		
Stage 1:	Explicitly teach each phoneme in the Sound Set	Goal: Automatically recognises each phoneme in the Sound Set
Stage 2:	Explicitly teach blending, segmenting & manipulating using phonemes in the Sound Set	Goal: Reads words comprised of phonemes in the Sound Set (and those taught in previous Sound Sets) that use various spelling patterns
Stage 3:	Modelled, guided and independent reading practice using readers in the Sound Set	Goal: Reads words in continuous text with increased fluency
Stage 4:	Developing rate of fluency through consistent practice using readers in the Sound Set	Goal: Fluent reading of books within the Sound Set

Grade	Term	Chronological Age	Decodable Readers Australia Level	Stage	Time	Alignment to ACARA Learning Progressions	Evaluation Beginning of Term	Evaluation End of Term
Prep / Kindergarten	Term 1	4 yrs - 7m	Phonological Awareness Program Level 1	1	All of Term 1	PhA1 PhA2 PhA3 PhA4 PhA5	PKW1 PKW2	Phonemic Awareness Screener
		5 yrs - 7m			End of Term 1			
Prep / Kindergarten	Term 2	4 yrs - 10m	Level 1	2	All of Term 2	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW3*	Level 1 Sound Screener
		5 yrs - 10m		3				
					4	End of Term 2		
Prep / Kindergarten	Term 3	5 yrs - 1m	Level 2	2	All of Term 3	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW3* PKW5 (part)	Level 1 Reading Evaluation
		6 yrs - 1m		3				
					4	End of Term 3		
Prep / Kindergarten	Term 4	5 yrs - 4m	Level 3	2	All of Term 4	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW3 PKW4 PKW5 (part) PKW6 & 7 (part)	Level 2 Reading Evaluation
		6 yrs - 4m		1				
						End of Term 4		

Grade 1	Term 1	5 yrs - 7m	Level 3	3	All of Term 1	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW5 (part) PKW6 (part) PKW 7 (part)	Level 3 Reading Evaluation
		6 yrs - 7m		4				
Grade 1	Term 2	5 yrs - 10m	Level 4	1	All of Term 2	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW5 (part) PKW6 (part) PKW 7 (part)	Level 4 Sound Screener
		6 yrs - 10m		2				
					3	End of Term 2		
Grade 1	Term 3	6 yrs - 1m	Level 5	2	All of Term 3	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW5 PKW6* PKW 7 (part)	Level 5 Sound Screener
		7 yrs - 1m		3				
					4	End of Term 3		
Grade 1	Term 4	6 yrs - 4m	Level 6	2	All of Term 4	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW6* PKW 7	Level 6 Sound Screener
		7 yrs - 4m		1				
						End of Term 4		

Grade 2	Term 1	6 yrs - 7m	Level 7	2	All of Term 1	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW6* PKW 7	Level 7 Sound Screener
		7 yrs - 7m		3				
					4	End of Term 1		
Grade 2	Term 2	6 yrs - 10m	Level 8	1	All of Term 2	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW6* PKW 7 PKW 8 (part)	Level 8 Sound Screener
		7 yrs - 10m		2				
Grade 2	Term 3	7 yrs - 1m	Level 8	3	All of Term 3	PhA4* PhA5*	PKW6* PKW 7 PKW 8 (part)	Level 8 Reading Evaluation
		8 yrs - 1m		4				
Grade 2	Term 4	7 yrs - 4m - 8 yrs - 4m	Age appropriate chapter books					

Alignment to ACARA Learning Progression (*) indicates that the skill level required is working beyond the numbered progression with that specific Sound Set

This table is a Guideline only and provides a benchmark to assist with planning instruction. Individual developmental stages need to be taken into consideration as children will move through the stages and levels at varying rates.