



- **How should I submit names of Regional Finalists?**

The Premier's Spelling Bee will launch on **26 April 2017**. Entry forms and word lists will be available at that time. Visit the Premier's Spelling Bee website and enter them in the form provided or email them to [desiree.lane2@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:desiree.lane2@det.nsw.edu.au)

- **Where and when will my students attend a regional final?**

Regional final locations and dates are published on our website early in Term 3, with this year's regional finals scheduled September 4-15. Keep an eye out there or wait for an email from the Premier's Spelling Bee Coordinator to notify you.

- **Where can I download a poster, certificate, information guide etc?**

Visit this year's Premier's Spelling Bee homepage at various times throughout the year for all relevant information, links and downloads.

- **How do I use the Regional Final Invitation?**

Download the regional final invitation from the website, fill out the editable fields with the details of your school, your regional finalist and yourself and then either email it, or print and send it home with your finalist. Once you have received back all the RSVP's from your finalists, you can contact the Regional Final Convenor once with the entire number of contestants and guests expected from your school.

- **Can Year 2 students compete in the Premier's Spelling Bee?**

Yes. Students can compete in higher age divisions of the competition but not lower. e.g. Year 2 students can compete in the Junior and Senior Division. Year 3 and 4 students can compete in the Junior and Senior Division. Year 5 and 6 students cannot compete in the Junior Division.

- **Should I give word lists to parents and students?**

Yes, providing:

- The word lists are not hosted on your school website (provide a link to the Arts Unit site)
- The password is not permanently published on your school website
- Parents are given the password in a newsletter

- **Which word lists are for whom?**

Junior Lists are for Years 3 and 4. Senior Lists are for Years 5 and 6.

- **What words will be used at the Regional and State Finals?**  
Words at the Regional and State finals will be drawn randomly from both the General and Categorized word lists.
- **Will all the words at the Regional and State Final come from the lists?**  
No. After approximately seven rounds of words from the Official Word Lists, round(s) of unseen words, also provided by Macquarie Dictionary, will be used to determine a winner.
- **Should students wear school uniform to the Regional Final? And the State Final if they make it?**  
Yes.
- **Do Regional Final Runners-Up go to the State Final?**  
No. Names of regional final Runners-Up are recorded as reserves in case the winner cannot attend the State Final.
- **Does The Arts Unit provide permission notes for my students to attend Regional Finals?**  
No, schools devise their own permission notes if required.
- **Should my students RSVP to me or the Regional Final Convenor?**  
It is best to get your contestants to RSVP to you and then you can contact the Regional Final Convenor once with the entire number of contestants and guests expected from your school.
- **Can independent and private schools enter the Premier's Spelling Bee?**  
No, unfortunately not.
- **Can family members attend the regional and state final as guests?**  
By all means. Family members are most welcome.
- **Will students be judged incorrect for failing to specify a capital letter?**  
No, students do not need to indicate capital letters in their spelling.