



The Premier's Spelling Bee Frequently Asked Questions



Where can I download a poster, participation certificate, information guides and wordlists?

Visit this year's [Premier's Spelling Bee Webpage](#) at various times throughout the year for all relevant information, links and downloads. The poster can be projected using your schools equipment.

Who do I talk with for more information?

Please contact the support officer on 02 85121173 or email desiree.lane2@det.nsw.edu.au

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.

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 [Premier's Spelling Bee](#) website) and supply the password to students and parents.
- 💡 The password is not published on your school website
- 💡 Past coordinators have found it useful to put the password on their notice boards as well as supplying the front office with it, so interested parents can gain it without directly contacting the coordinating teacher.

Which word lists are for whom?

Junior Lists are for Years 3 and 4 – Level 1 - 5

Senior Lists are for Years 5 and 6 – Level 2 – 6.

How should I submit names of Regional Finalists?

Visit the [Premier's Spelling Bee Webpage](#) and **enter them in the online form** when it becomes available in July. Please double check spelling of student names as these may appear on programs and certificates.

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.

Where and when will my students attend a regional final?

Regional final locations and dates **are published on our website** early in Term 3. Keep an eye out there or wait for an email from the Premier's Spelling Bee Coordinator to notify you.

How do I use the Regional Final Invitation?

Download the regional final invitation from the website (available in July), 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. The contact lists for **Regional Finals coordinators** will be posted 4 weeks prior to regionals, but please collate your responses before sending to help the host school spelling bee coordinator.

Will students be judged incorrect for failing to specify a capital letter?

No, students do not need to indicate capital letters in their spelling

Should students wear school uniform to the Regional Finals and the State Final?

Yes please. Students are representing their schools and therefore should be in full uniform.

Do Regional Final runners-up compete at 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.

Can independent and private schools enter the Premier's Spelling Bee?

At this stage the competition is open to Government Primary schools in NSW only.

Can family members attend the regional and state final as guests?

Yes. Family members should check with their schools about the arrangements in individual Regional Finals.

State Finalists are welcome to bring family support. We will send an invitation to schools to forward to finalist contestants' families. Please note we require all family supporters' names for the state final, as the ABC have stringent security procedures at the venue.