
What is JustRead?

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Just Read is a program that encourages reading for enjoyment amongst our K - 12 students. What students and staff can read is really open; you can choose whatever you like, as long as it is fiction, in English and a hard copy text. *Just Read* is silent, sustained reading (SSR).

WHEN IS JUST READ?

In the Senior School, Just Read occurs every day except Wednesday from 12.05pm - 12.25pm. Students remain with their Period 3 teacher for 'Just Read'. Students who have forgotten to bring a book to class will sit quietly during this time as students cannot move around the school during 'Just Read'. If there is no scheduled assembly on a Wednesday, an additional Just Read will occur during Wellbeing.

WHY DO WE DO JUST READ?

'Just Read' is an initiative of the QLiteracy committee that is designed to encourage and build a reading culture within our school, as well as improve the literacy skills of our students. The 'Just Read' program is evidence-based, as its design stems from peer-reviewed educational research. We are currently involved in an AIS research grant to measure the effectiveness of the program.

BOOK TALKS

Books talks are a key component of the 'Just Read' program as they provide the opportunity for students to share what they are reading with their peers. In the Senior School Book Talks are a part of Wellbeing. All students in the school are encouraged and expected to be involved in Book Talks. Conversation stem posters occur in every teaching space to provide resources for students to access during Book Talks.

TEACHERS ROLE

There is an expectation that all teaching staff at Queenwood support the 'Just Read' program by modelling good reading behaviour. Teachers not teaching during 'Just Read' are encouraged to join a classroom or move to a public space to read.

Any queries or issues please see Gabs or Marilyn in the Senior School.

