



Who do I talk with for more information?

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

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.

How many students from each level attend regional finals?

One Stage two and **one** Stage 3 students are allowed per school.




Can Stage 1 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 published on your school website (provide a link to the [Premier's Spelling Bee website](#)) and supply the password to teachers, students and parents.
-  The password **is not published** on your school website or any electronic publicly accessible fora.
-  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 May – you will be sent a link via email. The webform for student names also allows you to nominate days you are unable to attend a regional final, such as carnivals or camps. Please note, late submission of regional names may mean you will already have been assigned an intractable regional date. 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. At regional finals, after approximately five 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.

At State Finals, the first three to four rounds are taken from the seen words before the competition moves onto unseen words.

Where and when will my students attend a regional final?

All regional finals will be conducted on Zoom from The Arts Unit. An email from the Premier's Spelling Bee Coordinator will come out to all coordinators Term 3 Week 1 notifying you of your date, time, zoom link. These links will be resent to both coordinators and the school's email the day before your scheduled final, to mitigate against absences or other changed plans. [There is a useful short film on the website](#) (top righthand side), demonstrating for teachers and students, exactly how that virtual competition is run.

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, as regional finals will be on school grounds.

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

At this stage the competition is open to Government, Central and Community Primary schools in NSW only.

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

This is up to individual schools, but many have a cohort of classmates and family arrayed behind their school champion. The sessions cannot be viewed remotely.

Can family members attend the state final as guests?

State finalists are welcome to bring family support. The State Finalist webform allows families and schools to nominate supporters wishing to attend the finals. Please note we require all family and school supporters' names for the state final.

For any further information, please contact the Premier's Spelling Bee Support Officer, spellingbee@det.nsw.edu.au

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