



**Moorside  
High School**  
*Enriching Lives, Inspiring Ambitions*

January 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

Your child has been identified as a student for a reading intervention programme named Toe By Toe which will commence on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

At the start of the new term, your child will participate in one-to-one reading sessions during form time twice weekly until the end of the academic year. Toe By Toe is a highly structured and proven reading model which will help increase your child's reading age, fluency and understanding.

Your child has been identified for the programme as the results of their CATs and Accelerated Reader test show they are two or more years below their chronological reading age. Your child will be retested throughout the intervention time using Accelerated Reader tests to demonstrate the progress they have made in months and years. Each quiz taken will give students a midpoint review of their ZPD number which correlates to the progress they have made, without having to wait until the end of programme test to see progress. Dependent on progress, students will/will not continue with the programme until the summer.

As I am sure you understand, literacy is the key to unlocking potential in all subjects throughout the curriculum. To support your child further, encouraging your child to read for pleasure can ensure they make significantly more progress in vocabulary, spelling and maths than children who read very little (Sullivan and Brown 2013). Furthermore, encouraging your child to test independently using Accelerated Reader will allow them to track their progress more closely.

Starting from next term, we will have a greater focus on reading as all students will be required to have their own reading book as part of equipment. Furthermore, students will continue to be read to during form times once a week through our newly invigorated DEAR programme. At Moorside, we also have a brand-new library full of classics and new releases your child may enjoy reading with a librarian happy to assist with any recommendations.

If you have any questions about Toe By Toe or literacy in general, please feel free to contact myself at [laura.powell@consilium-at.com](mailto:laura.powell@consilium-at.com).

We thank you for your understanding and support with this.

Yours faithfully

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