

Spelling Bee Information



Dear Families,

Next term, students in Year 3 to 6 will have the opportunity to participate in the Harrisdale Primary School Spelling Bee competition. The Spelling Bee is designed to motivate and challenge students in our school who enjoy spelling activities. Most of the preparation for the competition will need to be completed at home. The Spelling Bee will take place over two weeks in Term 2 from 9am on the following dates:

- Year 3 & 4 heats: Thursday, May 9th
- Year 5 & 6 heats: Friday, 10th May
- Year 3 & 4 finals: Thursday, 16th May
- Year 5 & 6 finals: Monday, 20th May

All interested participants in each year level will compete in the first heat to determine six finalists who will then compete in the grand finals, which will be run in 2 groups (Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6).

The Spelling Bee experience is not for everyone. Some students may find it too challenging or overwhelming, which is why we ask you to discuss the chance to participate with them. If you both agree that they would benefit from the experience, please fill out the form on our website. In return for the form, your child will receive their list of words

from the Premier's Spelling Challenge. This list consists of hundreds of words, ranging from relatively simple words (Level 1) up to extremely challenging words. Obviously, students cannot, and are not expected to learn every word on the list in the coming weeks. The idea is for them to learn and practise as many words as they can, which will be used on the day of the heats. The more words they learn, the better the chance that they will succeed in spelling their words, which will be called out randomly on the day. Please note, there is no list of words provided for the finals. Students are expected to use their knowledge of spelling patterns and apply this on the day.

Please remember, the Spelling Bee is not a written spelling test. Participants will be required to stand in front of an audience and verbally spell the word clearly and within a short time frame. If they succeed, they move on to the next round, if not, they are eliminated from the competition.

Our aim is for students choosing to participate to enjoy the experience and the challenge. It is not intended to create pressure or stress in any way, so if you agree to your child participating, please treat it as the enjoyable challenge it is intended to be.

This form closes on Friday, April 5th at 3pm.
No late entries accepted.

