Reading record a proud achievement

Well read: Timothy Dickson outside State Parliament proudly shows off his Premier's Read Challenge medal.

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HE'S only 14, but Quakers Hill's Timothy Dickson has probably read more books than most of us.

The Quakers Hill High School student was recently honoured for being one of a select group of 27 students from across NSW who have successfully completed the Premier's Reading Challenge from year 3 to year 9. Timothy isn't sure how many books he has read over the years, but said he always reads far more than the minimum requirement for each year's challenge.

"Yeah, it's a massive part of my everyday life. I feel like I have accomplished something that not many others have done," he said.

The school's events facilitator, Melissa LaChevre, said Timothy would have read well over 150 books since he started the challenge, including historical, contemporary, autobiographical and fictitious books.

Timothy also got the opportunity to meet author, journalist and former Wallaby Peter FitzSimons and illustrator "Cartoon Dave" at Parliament House where he also received a medal for his achievements.

Timothy said his favourite read for the year was James Patterson's Daniel X.