



AREAS OF FOCUS

Agriculture and Horticulture

Urrbrae has a 30 hectare farm including a 2 hectare orchard and vineyard, also incorporating:

Livestock: sheep, cattle, pigs, poultry, goats, horses, alpacas, bees, aquaculture, native birds and native animals.

Plants: a variety of pastures, crop trials, orchard and vineyard crops, native food plants, vegetables, and an extensive plant nursery incorporating glasshouses, shadehouses and laboratories. The school farm boasts state of the art high tech facilities such as winery, piggery, new stock yards and agritech equipment

Environmental Education

This focus area of study is taught across the whole school curriculum and utilises a farm that demonstrates sustainable farming practices, a native animal compound and the award winning Urrbrae Wetland.

Design and Technology

Urrbrae has extensive and well resourced Design and Technology facilities and courses. There are eight well-equipped workshops catering for a range of technologies, including: woodwork, metalwork, welding, electronics, energy technologies, farm mechanics, automotive technology and computer graphics.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Urrbrae is unique in that it offers annual Mortlock Scholarships for academic excellence from Year 7 through to university studies. In addition, mathematics scholarships are available for Years 9 to 11 to encourage and extend students.

ACCESSIBILITY BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The school is well served by public transport on both Cross and Fullarton Roads, with bus services connecting with other routes to provide comprehensive coverage throughout the metropolitan area.

APPLYING FOR ENTRY TO URRBRAE

Entry to Urrbrae Agricultural High School is not determined by zoning rights, and each year students enrol from across the metropolitan area and country districts. Sibling rights do not apply and there is a ceiling on the number of students who can be enrolled at each year level. Urrbrae does not have boarding facilities, but can assist families to find home stay accommodation.



APPLICATIONS

All students must apply via application to attend Urrbrae, and the process for application is outlined on the school website. Please contact the school on 82747455 or email dl.0798.admin@schools.sa.edu.au if you have any questions.

All applications for Urrbrae must:

- ◆ Include a completed application cover sheet for Enrolment at the appropriate Year level (Years 7 to 12).
- ◆ Address the selection criteria.
- ◆ Include a copy of the student's two most recent school reports.
- ◆ Pay a \$25 non-refundable administration fee.
- ◆ In addition, applicants give a Student Information Form to their current school for completion. This is returned directly to Urrbrae by the current school.

Main Selection Criteria

- A demonstrated interest in and commitment to one, some or all of the school's focus areas of Agriculture, Horticulture, the Environment and Technology.
- A demonstrated positive attitude toward learning, school and study.
- Participation in a range of activities both in and out of school.
- A willingness to join in with, and build school and community spirit.



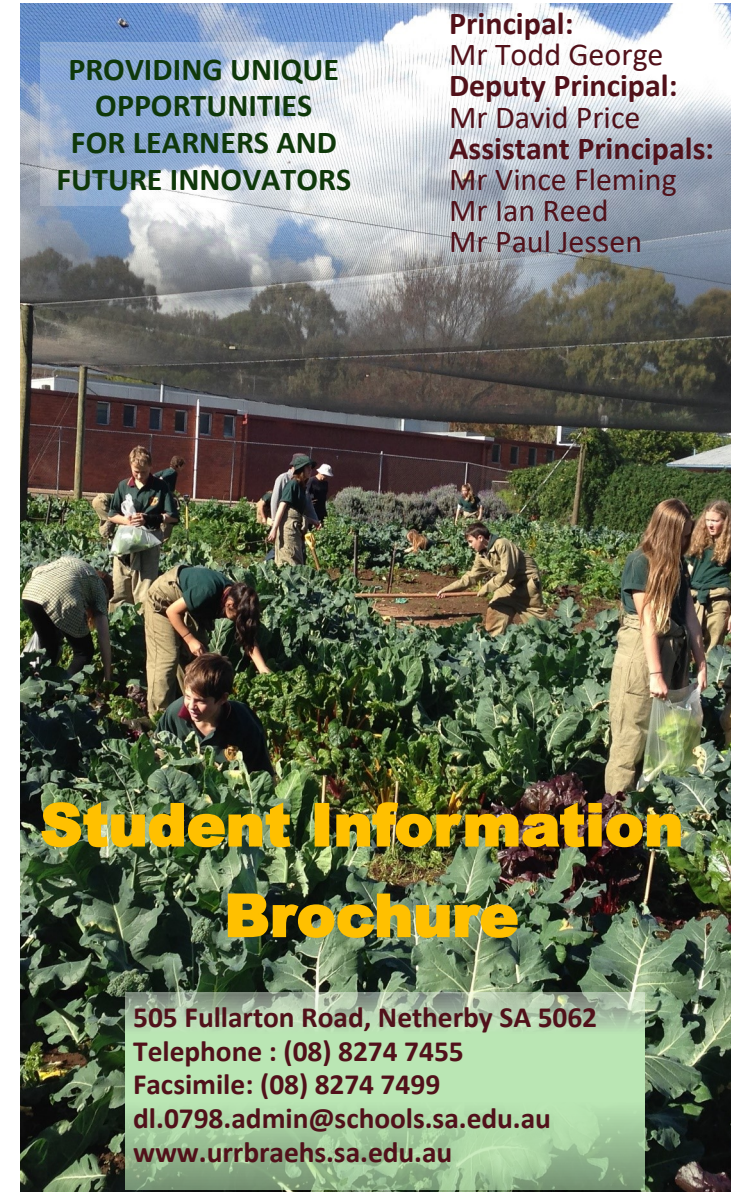
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Urrbrae Agricultural High School

PROVIDING UNIQUE
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FUTURE INNOVATORS

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ABOUT URRBRAE

Urrbrae is situated 6km from the Adelaide GPO on the corner of Cross and Fullarton Roads, Netherby.

Urrbrae Agricultural High School is the only comprehensive special interest agricultural school in South Australia. It has developed well beyond the original vision of Peter Waite, who bequeathed the land (46 hectares) to the State in 1918 (although the school did not open until 1932). Waite's vision was to provide city-dwelling students with the opportunity to learn about and engage in the primary industry of agriculture. While Waite's view of agriculture focused on traditional elements of cropping and livestock, Urrbrae today promotes an understanding of a wide and diverse range of agriculture, horticulture and the environment for its students and the wider community. Urrbrae, through its innovative and creative planning, has a national and international reputation as an exemplary model of educating for a sustainable future.

Urrbrae is recognised as a centre of excellence in student learning with a focus on agriculture, technology and the environment. Our motto is "Science with Practice" and this principle is integrated into curriculum areas across the school. Quality relationships between students, their families, staff and the community provide a solid foundation from which to work. We recognise that a sense of belonging promotes positive outcomes, and we encourage student involvement in a diverse range of activities, both curricular and extra curricular to promote feelings of pride and success. Students are encouraged to make a positive difference to the lives of others, the environment and society as a whole.



WHAT DO YOU STUDY AT URRBRAE?

The special focus of the Urrbrae curriculum is the study of Agriculture, including Horticulture, with a secondary focus on studies of the Environment and Agri-Tech. In the Middle School (Years 7–9), students at Urrbrae Agricultural High School undertake study in eight areas of the curriculum. These are **Agriculture, The Arts, Design and Technology, English, Health and Physical Education, Mathematics, Science, and Humanities and Social Science**. As students move from Year 7 to 12, they have opportunities to choose to study particular aspects of some of the learning areas.

Within the Senior School (Years 10–12), students may choose courses across a broad range of offerings. University and TAFE entrance and Vocational Education and Training are well catered for within the school program and strong SACE results are evident.

Senior school students choose whether they wish to continue their studies in the special focus areas of Agriculture, the Environment or Agri-Tech, or whether they wish to continue their studies within the broader range offered by the school.

Detailed information about subjects offered in the senior school, and the pathways that can be followed is available from the Course Information section on the school website: www.urrbraehs.sa.edu.au

BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Urrbrae Agricultural High School provides students with the opportunity to engage in a wide variety of programs which enable them to explore their true potential, extend and expand on their knowledge base and further develop their analytical Leadership, teamwork and problem solving skills, examples of these programs include:

- numerous showing, judging and leadership programs at livestock and agricultural shows.
- curriculum based activities such as the Oliphant Science Awards, and many Mathematics, English and Art competitions.
- Urrbrae Trails program, which give Urrbrae students the chance to lead visiting primary school students and members of the public around the farm to help them to learn about the environment and sustainability.
- Integrated learning which links the Wetlands with enrichment in Agriculture, Science and Humanities.

There are also numerous opportunities for students to participate in co-curricular activities. There is an extensive list of agricultural-based lunchtime clubs, general interest clubs and a wide variety of sporting activities.

FEELING AT HOME AT URRBRAE

Urrbrae prides itself on providing a positive and supportive learning environment for all. Staff and students together develop, promote and implement the school values of **Responsibility, Respect, Resilience and Rigour**. The school promotes and supports positive outcomes for students in academic, service and co-curricular fields.

High school represents an exciting and important transition in a student's life. Urrbrae welcomed Year 7 students in 2022, and offers a number of initiatives to support beginning students. This includes a strong orientation programme including Transition visits, a comprehensive *Connectedness & Belonging* programme, a Peer Leadership programme and dedicated Homegroup Teachers for each year level.



Student Administration provides support for all students at Urrbrae. Wellbeing Leaders, Student Wellbeing Worker, Year Level Coordinators, Middle and Senior School Senior Leaders, Home Group teachers and three Assistant Principals are all available to assist students with personal or school-related issues.

Our expectations with regard to student behaviour follow Department for Education guidelines. We therefore provide for and support opportunities for student success, safeguard the rights of students to learn and teachers to teach, and recognise behaviour as a choice with associated responsibilities and consequences. We have a clearly stated Anti-Bullying Policy which also protects and supports students. We want Urrbrae to be a happy and safe place for all those who attend.

There is a clearly stated Dress Code Policy and students who attend Urrbrae Agricultural High School are expected to understand and follow this policy.

Opportunities for student leadership exist in all year levels at Urrbrae, with a range of diverse programs such as Peer Leadership, a Student Representative Council, sport representation, Urrbrae Trails and various clubs and student-based initiatives.