



# URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

*Providing unique opportunities for learners and future innovators.*

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## YEAR 8 APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT 2018 TRANSITION PROCESS

Dear Year 7 Student

We are very pleased that you have chosen to obtain our Year 8 Application Package and we look forward to receiving your application.

Urrbrae Agricultural High School is not a zoned school and each year students come from across the metropolitan area and country districts to join our community. Sibling and family rights do not apply. It is an exciting place to learn, work and prepare for your future. Urrbrae is a **specialist** school for students with a demonstrated interest in and a strong commitment to any or all of the following: agriculture and horticulture, technology, and the environment.

Please be aware, that as the number of applications generally exceeds the number of available places, a selection process is used to identify the students who best match the criteria for enrolment.

The selection process requires you to:

- Complete a **Year 8 Application for Enrolment Cover Sheet**;
- Address the selection criteria, either in writing or in any other way which provides evidence which meets the selection criteria;
- Provide us with a copy of your two most recent written **school reports**;
- Pay a non-refundable **\$20.00** Application Fee
- Give a **Year 8 Application for Enrolment Student Information Form** to your primary school to complete and post directly to Urrbrae Agricultural High School;
- Complete an **ED176** identifying Urrbrae Agricultural High School as one of your preferences but only if you are currently enrolled at a DECD School. This form is available from your school and must be returned to them by the due date.

When addressing the criteria, please note the following.

- Decisions are made on the information and evidence that you provide to us, as well as the information contained in previous school reports and details provided by your current school. We know that some Primary Schools do not provide written reports in Term 1. This will not disadvantage you. It is not necessary for you to seek a reference from your Year 7 teacher.
- Please do not assume that we know who you are and what you have done - **tell us!** Give plenty of detail about your interests and activities which give evidence meeting the selection criteria.
- Urrbrae has the right to withdraw an offer of enrolment if information provided through the application process is subsequently determined to be false or misleading. **This includes any application written by someone other than the applicant.**

We encourage you to read this package carefully and to discuss it with your parents, caregivers, teachers and peers. This is an exciting next stage in your lifetime of learning and we wish you well.

# Student Application

## ***How do I prepare my application?***

Although there is no right or wrong way to prepare an application, we recommend that you first talk with your parents or caregivers to plan your response in relation to the selection criteria.

Your application should reflect YOU – your achievements, your aspirations and your passions, and not those of your friends, parents or caregivers. We want to “see” your personality shine through.

Be sure to consider our examples as a guide for your thinking.

Please do not send originals of documents or materials. We are required to keep your application on file so, they cannot be returned to you.

Remember, this is **your** application, so parents and caregivers can best help you by supporting and encouraging you through this process and **not** by doing it for you.

No sibling or family rights exist. Your application will be considered on its own merit and must be about you.

## ***How should I present my application?***

As a guide:

- if in writing, a maximum of four written pages.
- you can also address the criteria in other ways, eg. through a recording, a film, with a poster or power point, a photo story, or in any other way which provides evidence which meets the selection criteria.
- if your application is typed, it should not be smaller than size 12 font.
- information which is not relevant to the selection criteria will not be considered.

**Please do not submit an application on a CD. Please submit digital applications on USB.**

## ***How will my application be assessed?***

Your application will be assessed against the selection criteria for enrolment to Year 8 at Urrbrae Agricultural High School.

These criteria are explained in this package. Please ensure you read them and respond to them.

## Criteria for Selection

*Please note that we do not expect you to try to address every “example of evidence” given below. They are intended as guidelines only to give you an idea of the sort of information you might provide to help us in the selection process.*

### **A demonstrated interest in and commitment to one, some or all of the school’s focus areas of Agriculture, Horticulture, the Environment and Technology**

Possible examples of evidence could include:

- An involvement in a community group that includes environmental, science or agricultural activities in their program. *Tell us about which group(s), what they do, how long you have been a member, what activities or events you have been involved with, etc.*
- Experiences and participation at primary school in agricultural, gardening, environmental, technological or similar related clubs or activities. *Tell us about them, what **you** did, what **you** learnt, etc.*
- Initiatives and responsibilities at home – in the garden, recycling, breeding or caring for animals / birds / reptiles. *Tell us about **your** responsibilities, how you fulfil them and how long you’ve been doing so.*
- Experiences with animals. *Tell us about **your** responsibilities and level of involvement, any membership of a related club or society, participation in major events or exhibition of animals at shows, etc.*
- Relevant “work experience” **you** might have undertaken. *Tell us if **you** have worked in a friend’s vineyard or a relative’s farm, or in the local pet shop etc. Mention any knowledge and skills **you** have gained.*
- An interest in and skills in technology highlighted by examples, eg **your** involvement in your school’s pedal prix team or the local go-kart club, **your** computer skills, related hobbies, etc. *Tell us about what **you** like doing and what **you** are good at.*

### **A demonstrated positive attitude towards learning, school and study**

We will read closely your school reports to find evidence of this, but if there is other information you think we should know about your attitude to learning please tell us.

### **Participation in a range of co-curricular activities both in and out of school**

Possible examples of evidence could include:

- An involvement or participation in a community club or organisation not already mentioned. *Tell us about any responsibilities you have had, why you are involved, how long you have been involved, what you have learnt because you have been involved, your plans for the future etc.*

### **A willingness to join with and build an Urrbrae school and community spirit**

Possible examples of evidence could include:

- Your reasons for wanting to attend Urrbrae. *Tell us about your interests and your hopes and the programs or clubs you would like to get involved with, and what you think you can contribute as a member of the Urrbrae community.*
- Your ideas, ambitions and passions about what you might like to do as you get older and what you might like to achieve, and how you think Urrbrae will help with this.
- Feelings and values you have in relation to Urrbrae’s special interests. *Tell us about the things that you think are really important.*

# CHECKLIST

PLEASE RETAIN FOR YOUR OWN PERSONAL RECORD

Please use this checklist to ensure that you have addressed all the requirements of the application process.

	<b>Have you done the following?</b>	Tick when completed
1	Read the entire <i>Year 8 Application for Enrolment</i> package?	
2	Completed the <i>Year 8 Application for Enrolment Cover Sheet</i> ?	
3	Developed your <i>Student Application</i> , in <b>direct response to the criteria for selecting students</b> ?	
4	Included copies of your <b>two</b> most recent written school reports?	
5	Enclosed a cheque/money order for <b>\$20.00</b> which is a non-refundable Application Fee	
6	Given the <i>Student Information Form</i> to your current school for completion and posting?	
7	<b>Current DECD school students</b> should also have completed an ED 176 identifying Urrbrae Agricultural High School as one of your preferences. <i>Please note that this form is available from your current school and must be returned to them by the date advised by DECD.</i>	
8	Posted your completed application with all attachments to:  Student Services Urrbrae Agricultural High School 505 Fullarton Road NETHERBY SA 5062  <b>to arrive no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2017</b>	

## KEY DATES

Year 8 Application for Enrolment 2018 package is available	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
Urrbrae Agricultural High School Open Day	21 <sup>st</sup> March 2017
Closing date for return of Year 8 Application for Enrolment 2018 (5.00pm)	3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2017
ED 176 (Application for Enrolment in Year 8) returned to your current school	Advised by DECD
Notification of outcome of selection procedure	June 2017
Orientation Day for all students new to Urrbrae Agricultural High School	December 2017
First day of school at Urrbrae Agricultural High School for Year 8 Students	29 <sup>th</sup> January 2018