



# URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

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## YEAR 8 APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT 2022 INFORMATION

Dear Year 7 Student

We are pleased that you have chosen to access our Year 8 Application Package and we look forward to receiving your application. This year we have changed the format for applications, and given you specific focus areas to address in your responses.

Urrbrae Agricultural High School is a non-zoned school and each year students come from across the metropolitan area and country districts to join our school 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.

Each year the number of applications exceeds the number of available places at Urrbrae and therefore 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, by completing the application form and responding to the 7 questions
- Provide us with a copy of your two most recent written **school reports**
- Pay a non-refundable **\$25.00** Application Fee
- **Post or deliver** your completed application with all attachments to Urrbrae
- Give a **Year 8 Application for Enrolment Student Information Form** to your primary school to complete and ask them to post it 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 Department for Education School. This form is available from your current 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 but this will not disadvantage you. It is not necessary for you to seek a reference from your current teacher.
- Please do not assume that we know who you are and what you have done - tell us! Provide 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.** Make sure it is your work!

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/caregivers to plan your responses to each question.

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

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

Remember, this is **your** application, so parents/caregivers can best help you by supporting and encouraging you through this process and by **not** 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 will my application be assessed?*

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

These selection criteria are explained in this package. Please ensure that you read them carefully, as these will help you respond to the questions on the application form.

# 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.

## 1. **A demonstrated interest in and commitment to one, some or all of the school’s focus areas of: Agriculture, Horticulture, the Environment or 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, what you particularly like doing, 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, e.g. **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.

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

We will carefully read your school reports to find evidence of this criterion, but if there is other information you think we should know about in relation to your attitude to learning, please inform us through your application.

## **3. Your ability to get along with other people**

Much of your time at Urrbrae will be spent working with other people on different tasks, particularly around agriculture, horticulture, technology and the environment. Tell us about how effectively you work in groups, and how you get on with a wide range of different people.

## **4. Participation in a range of activities both in and out of school**

Possible examples of evidence could include:

- An involvement or participation in a community club or organisation. 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.
- Your role as a leader either at school or in a sporting or special interest club.
- Your participation in a show or competition.
- Any volunteer work you may have done, either at school or in the wider community.

## **5. Hobbies skills and interests**

This will give us a better sense of who you are and what you like to do.

## **6. School Values**

Our Urrbrae school values are: Respect, Rigour, Responsibility and Resilience. These are very important to us, and all our dealings with each other at school revolve around them. We want you to choose two of them and tell us how you think you demonstrate these values.

## **7. Why you think you would like to attend Urrbrae**

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.

	Have you done the following?	Tick when completed
1	Read the entire <i>Year 8 Application for Enrolment</i> Information package	
2	Completed the <i>Year 8 Application for Enrolment Cover Sheet</i>	
3	Completed your Application Form, responding to all 7 questions	
4	Included copies of your <b>two</b> most recent written school reports	
5	Enclosed a cheque/money order or credit card details for <b>\$25.00</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 Department for Education 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 will be made available online from your current school and must be submitted by the date advised by the Department for Education</i>	
8	<b>Post or deliver your completed application with all attachments to:</b>  Student Services Urrbrae Agricultural High School 505 Fullarton Road NETHERBY SA 5062  <b>to arrive no later than 5.00pm on Wednesday 28th April 2021</b>	

## KEY DATES

Closing date for return of Year 8 Application for Enrolment 2022	28th April 2021 (5.00pm)
ED 176 (Application for Enrolment in Year 8) returned to your current school	Advised by DfE
Notification of outcome of selection procedure	June 2021
Orientation Day for all students new to Urrbrae Agricultural High School	3rd December 2021



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## YEAR 8 APPLICATION QUESTIONS FOR 2022

***Urrbrae Agricultural High School is a unique specialist school with a focus on agriculture, horticulture, technology and the environment. Students who apply to attend Urrbrae must have a passion for one or more of our focus areas.***

***Each year the number of applications exceeds the number of available places at Urrbrae and therefore a selection process is used to identify the students who best match the criteria for enrolment. Please complete the following questions to provide us with evidence around your suitability for a placement at Urrbrae.***

1. Tell us about your interest in and commitment to agriculture, horticulture, technology or the environment. *(Describe what you do or have done that shows your passion for one or more of these areas. Include details of how you have been actively involved.)* (Maximum 500 words)
2. Tell us about your positive attitude towards learning, school and study, including how well you think you do in your studies. We would love to hear about your favourite subjects, and what you think your strengths and weaknesses are. *(We will closely read your school reports to find evidence of this, but you may have other information you think we should know about your approach to learning).* (Maximum 200 words)
3. Tell us how you think you get along with other people. (Maximum 250 words)
4. Tell us about your participation in a range of activities both in and out of school *(include both school and community group involvement, participation in shows, competitions or clubs – including sporting clubs, SRC, Environment groups, leadership roles etc).* (Maximum 250 words)
5. Tell us about your hobbies, skills or interests. (Maximum 250 words)
6. Our Urrbrae school values are: Respect, Rigour, Responsibility and Resilience. Choose two of these and tell us how you think you demonstrate these values. (Maximum 250 words)
7. Tell us what appeals to you the most about coming to Urrbrae. (Maximum 300 words)





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## YEAR 8 APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT 2022 COVER SHEET

### Student Details

Surname: ..... Given Names: .....

Date of Birth: ..... ☐ Male ☐ Female

Current School: .....

### Parent or Caregiver completing this form

Surname: ..... Given Name: ..... Title: .....

Relationship to Student: (e.g. Mother/Father/Caregiver) .....

Postal Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Email: .....

Telephone: Home ..... Work ..... Mobile .....

#### **Please note:**

All correspondence will be sent to the above address unless other arrangements are made with Urrbrae Agricultural High School.

### UAHS Office Use Only

Date Application Received: .....

\$25.00 Application Fee received ☐ yes ☐ no



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## YEAR 8 APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT 2022 STUDENT INFORMATION FORM

TO THE PARENT/CAREGIVER of ..... (Name of student)

Please give this **confidential** form to the **Principal** of the student's **current school** to complete.

TO THE PRINCIPAL / YEAR 7 TEACHER of the above-named student

This **confidential** form incorporates part of the UAHS criteria for selection and is to be completed by the **student's current school** and forwarded directly to:

Student Services  
Urrbrae Agricultural High School  
505 Fullarton Road NETHERBY SA 5062 or Courier round: Southern Adelaide  
Please return by Wednesday 28 April 2021

Please note: It is not necessary for the Principal/Year 7 Teacher to provide a separate letter of reference.

**Please allocate a whole point score based on:**

- 1 point allocated: Rarely demonstrated  
2 points allocated: Somewhat demonstrated  
3 points allocated: Often demonstrated  
4 points allocated: Consistently demonstrated

Social skills	Points
Cooperation with others (getting along)	
Respect for others (empathy and understanding)	
Listening skills	
Responsibility (ownership of behaviour/consequences)	
Positivity (confidence and optimism)	
Negotiate with others (compromise)	

Social values	Points
Truthful and sincere (honesty)	
Dependable and reliable (trustworthy)	
Respect for the environment (including property)	

Is the student a 'Student in Care'?	Yes / No
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Work habits	Points
On task behaviour (avoids distraction)	
Personal organisation	
Attention to detail in tasks	
Originality of work (imagination/curiosity)	
Quality of work (effectiveness/depth)	
Time management (completed on time/punctuality)	
Determination and diligence (persistence)	
Hard working and accountable (conscientious)	

Involvement	Points
Involvement in class activities and events	
Involvement in co-curricular activities	

Is the student Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander?	Yes / No
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Any other information we need to be aware of e.g. information to help us support the student if he/she is successful (please attach additional page if required) : .....

Principal's signature:	School stamp
Date:	



## TAX INVOICE

**ABN 60 520 638 745**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please Print*

### **Application Fee (non-refundable)**

Amount: **\$25.00 inc GST**

Cash: .....

Cheque: .....

Credit Card: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visacard

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Expiry Date: .....

Card Holder's Name: .....

Signature: .....