



URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

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YEAR 8 APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT 2021 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 will be made available online from your current school and must be submitted by the date advised by the Department for Education.

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 two most recent written school reports	
5	Enclosed a cheque/money order or credit card details for \$25.00 which is a non-refundable Application Fee	
6	Given the <i>Student Information Form</i> to your current school for completion and posting	
7	Current Department for Education school students 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	Post or deliver your completed application with all attachments to: Student Services Urrbrae Agricultural High School 505 Fullarton Road NETHERBY SA 5062	