



# URRBRAE AGRICULTURAL HIGH SCHOOL

*Providing unique opportunities for learners and future innovators.*

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## YEAR 8 - 12 APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT 2023 INFORMATION

Dear Student

We are pleased that you have chosen to access our Application Package and we look forward to receiving your application.

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, agritech 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 - 12 Application for Enrolment Cover Sheet**
- Address the selection criteria, by completing the application form and responding to the 7 criteria in a written format
- Provide us with a copy of your two most recent written **school reports**
- Pay a non-refundable **\$25.00** Application Fee
- **Return** your completed application with all attachments to Urrbrae
- Give a **Year 8 - 12 Application for Enrolment Student Information Form** to your current school to complete and ask them to return it directly to Urrbrae Agricultural High School

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/carers, 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/carers to plan your responses to each criteria.

Your application should reflect YOU – your achievements, aspirations and passions, and not those of your friends or parents/carers. 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/carers 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. You can include relevant photos/images (no video). Your application should be a maximum of 5 double-sided A4 pages which includes any photos/images.

## *How will my application be assessed?*

Your application will be assessed against the **selection criteria** for enrolment to Year 8-12 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. Tell us about your interest in and commitment to agriculture, horticulture, agritech 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)**

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, agritech 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.

**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)**

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. Tell us how you think you get along with other people. (Maximum 250 words)**

Much of your time at Urrbrae will be spent working with other people on different tasks, particularly around agriculture, horticulture, agritech 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. 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)**

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. Tell us about your hobbies, skills or interests. (Maximum 250 words)**

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

**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)**

These school values 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. Tell us what appeals to you the most about coming to Urrbrae. (Maximum 300 words)**

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

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# 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 - 12 Application for Enrolment</i> Information package	
2	Completed the <i>Year 8 - 12 Application for Enrolment Cover Sheet</i>	
3	Completed your Application Form, responding to all 7 criteria, maximum of 5 double-sided A4 pages which includes photos/images	
4	Included copies of your <b>two</b> most recent school reports	
5	Paid the Application Fee online or 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 returning to Urrbrae	
7	<b>Returned 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 27th July 2022</b>	

## KEY DATES

Closing date for return of Year 8-12 Application for Enrolment 2023 School

27th July 2022

Orientation Day for year 8-12 students new to Urrbrae Agricultural High School

14th November 2022