

# World-Class Education in South Australia

## from start to finish



### South Australia has a long tradition of quality education with a world-class education system from preschool to university.

This includes a range of child-care options and exceptional public and private schools with several that offer the international baccalaureate curriculum. The State is also home to world-class universities and a wide range of technical and further education institutes.

#### Child care

South Australia has numerous child care centres in city and regional areas, including many in Adelaide's city business district.

Child care for children from birth to age 12 is available through approved Family Day Care Providers, in the carer's home and privately employed nannies. Outside School Hours Care services are also available in most schools for school-aged children before and after school and during vacations.

For more information visit:

Department for Education and Child Development – Childcare Providers & Licensees [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au)

#### Preschool

Preschools offer education for children aged between four and five years in the 12 months before entry into school. All preschools invite parent participation. This provides an excellent opportunity for children and parents to develop social contacts and friendships.

#### Primary education

Primary school covers the eight-year period from Reception to Year 7. In South Australia primary school enrolments can be made at age five and it is compulsory for children aged six and older.

The early years of primary education provide strong beginnings for all children to explore, experiment, discover and develop skills and understandings. The school curriculum is based around eight key learning areas: languages, English, mathematics, science, society and environment, the arts, design and technology, health and physical education.

#### Secondary education

Secondary schooling covers the five-year period from Year 8 to Year 12 to the age of approximately 17 years old.

All South Australian secondary schools produce students whose achievements are ranked highly by Australian standards. Parents and prospective students are advised to conduct their own research to identify the school or college that best meets their needs.

The State also has secondary schools that specialise in adult re-entry – Para West Adult Campus, Thebarton Senior College, Hamilton Secondary College and Marden Senior College – as well as others that accept adult enrolments.

#### Enrolling your children

All students are guaranteed enrolment in their local public primary or secondary school. Some schools have a zone of right to ensure that students living in the zone can enrol at their local school.

For more information follow the School Zoning link at [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au)

There are no zone restrictions if you wish to enrol your child in a private school.

Information on private schools can be found at the Association of Independent Schools of SA website [www.ais.sa.edu.au](http://www.ais.sa.edu.au)

#### South Australian school term dates

	2017	2018
Term 1	30 Jan - 13 Apr	29 Jan - 13 Apr
Term 2	01 May - 07 Jul	30 Apr - 06 Jul
Term 3	24 Jul - 29 Sep	23 Jul - 28 Sep
Term 4	16 Oct - 15 Dec	15 Oct - 14 Dec

## Tertiary education

South Australia is a university state with a proud history of producing clever and highly skilled young people. We have internationally acclaimed universities and an extensive vocational training system with a wide range of specialised tertiary institutions.

The University of Adelaide, Flinders University and University of South Australia have been turning out excellent graduates for years. They have now been joined in Adelaide by Carnegie Mellon – the only American university with a campus in Australia – and the University College London which opened the School of Energy and Resources, Australia.

The University of Adelaide – <http://www.adelaide.edu.au/>

Flinders University – <http://www.flinders.edu.au/>

University of South Australia – <http://www.unisa.edu.au/>

Carnegie Mellon – <http://www.australia.cmu.edu/>

University College London – <http://www.ucl.ac.uk/australia>

Information for overseas students wanting to study in Adelaide can be found on the Study Adelaide website <http://studyadelaide.com/>

## Vocational education and training

South Australia has institutes of Technical and Further Education (TAFE) which provide more than 300 vocational education and training courses to meet the demands for skills in the workforce.

Vocational Education and Training (VET) in South Australia covers a broad range of areas, ranging from trades, information technology and manufacturing to business, hospitality and tourism. South Australia is also a highly acclaimed centre of excellence for hospitality and the culinary arts, and the State's wine growing regions offer practical experience for students involved in related courses.

TAFESA – <http://www.tafesa.edu.au/>

## Find out more – South Australia welcomes you

### Childcare and public schooling education information

Department for Education and Child Development

<http://www.decd.sa.gov.au/>

### Skills Recognition and Industry and business information

Department of State Development

[www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au](http://www.statedevelopment.sa.gov.au)

### South Australian Government resources and information

South Australian Government

<http://www.sa.gov.au/>

### Skilled and business migration information

Immigration South Australia

<https://www.migration.sa.gov.au/>

### Holiday information

South Australia Tourism Commission

<http://www.southaustralia.com/>

### Local councils and suburb information

Local Government of South Australia

<http://www.lga.sa.gov.au/page.aspx>

## IMMIGRATION SOUTH AUSTRALIA

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