

Motion 12

“That SA ICPA advocates the relevant bodies to look into the feasibility of the provision of an Agricultural Program/College in South Australia that provides vocational learning opportunities in the pastoral industry for high school students.”

Explanation: *It is vital that students in their secondary years have an opportunity to attend an agriculturally based learning program/college. The sustainability of the agricultural industry has never been more important than of recent times with the ever-expanding world-population and the need to feed the world. Hands-on, practical learning pathways that provide opportunities for both country and urban students to gain valuable skills that put them in good stead to finding employment in the agricultural industry is vital for our state’s future. With the cessation of both the Longreach and Emerald Colleges in Queensland, there are few opportunities for young school-based students to pursue an agricultural career should they choose where they can attend and live on site.*

Burra Community School (BCS)

BCS is a public school offering year levels Reception to 12. It has a small, not for profit boarding house within walking distance of the school. Brewery Hill is the school’s farm property and consists of 180 hectares of cropping and grazing country. Agriculture is taught in year Reception to 10 and is an elective subject for years 11 and 12. Stage 1 in year 11, agriculture A and B, stage 2 in year 12 Agricultural Production. Community Studies in years 11 and 12 is also able to be agricultural based. Students in year 9 and above are given the opportunity to show animals at the Royal Adelaide Show.

- Year 9 handle goats
- Year 10 handle sheep and goats
- Year 11 handle sheep and steers
- Year 12 handle steers

Burra Community School provides opportunities for students to access Vocational Education and Training in Agriculture. Cert 2 and 3 in Agriculture and Cert 2 in Animal Studies are available. (Depending on numbers) The student is responsible for course fees and travel to properties and TAFE. There is no TAFE campus in Burra.

St Mark’s College (SMC)

St Mark's College is located in Port Pirie and is a Catholic co-educational school founded on Salesian & Good Samaritan traditions. It consists of Benedict Campus R-6, Bosco Campus 7-12 including Boarding facility (Salesian House) and ‘McNally Farm’ that incorporates a Trades Training facility and a working farm.

- **Year 7:** A term of Agriculture is embedded in the science curriculum for all students as an introduction to Ag.
- **Years 8 & 9:** Agriculture is offered as an elective for one semester. Available in both.
- **Years 10 to 12:** Agriculture/Livestock production units are embedded in the curriculum.
- **Year 10:** Agriculture; Duration: One or Two Semesters Availability: Semester 1 and 2.

- **Year 11:** Stage 1 Agriculture; Duration: One or Two Semesters Available in both. SACE Credits: 10 per semester.
- **Year 12:** Stage 2 Agriculture Production; Duration: Two Semesters. SACE Credits: 20

Saint Mark's transports students to TAFE in Port Pirie for Courses that are not delivered onsite. Depending on pathways chosen, most VET students will earn credits towards their SACE via Training, enabling them to drop an academic subject. We also have a number of rural students who enroll in a Certificate III in Agriculture with a private provider that services our area and complete this Certificate over Years 11 & 12. This can be a combination of work demonstrated on home property, attending workshops and relevant 'stackable' units completed at school e.g. Shearing Course.

Courses Available Through SMC

- AHCSHG205- Grind combs and cutters for machine shearing
- AHCWRK209- Participate in environmentally sustainable work practices
- AHCLSK217- Apply animal welfare principles to handling and husbandry of livestock
- AHCSHG203- Shear sheep to novice level
- AHCSHG206- Prepare handpiece and downtube for machine shearing
- AHCWRK204- Work effectively in the industry
- AHCWHS201- Participate in work health and safety processes
- AHCSHG201- Crutch sheep
- AHCSHG210- Undertake basic shearing and crutching

Urrbrae Agricultural Highschool (UAH)

All students are from the country and have come to Urrbrae to study Agricultural, Environmental and Technological subjects as part of their high school curriculum. Most students are at Year 10 , 11 or 12 level although a small number enroll at year 8 from the country. Most students require 5 night boards as they go home on weekends if possible. However some will require a 7 day board for the term and some 5 day boarders may request to stay down for some weekends. This may be because they have school agricultural show commitments (3 times per year) or may have some other special activity on a weekend. Like all students they have homework and study commitments and will require a suitable environment for this

Wide range of VET courses are delivered through Regional Skills Training (RST) which offer a Certificate II or Certificate III in some courses. RST includes core units & elective units. Years 7 – 9 participate in general agriculture programs across all enterprises – this assists students with their electives in Years 10 - 12. VET courses also through Tafe SA. VET courses are additional cost - generally around \$300 per unit and heavily subsidized by the state government. Some courses however are higher

VET Training offered on campus:

- Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry

- General agriculture is compulsory for Year 8 & 9
- From Year 10 students have choice of pathways
- Agribusiness
- Aquaculture
- Vineyard Management and Winemaking
- Livestock Management - cattle, sheep, goat
- Animal Science and Animal Studies
- Crop and Plant Science
- AgronomyAgricultural and Horticultural Science
- Native
- Agri Foods
- Horse Management
- Automotive
- Metal Engineering
- Environmental Management
- Chem Cert
- Working from Heights
- Machinery Operations
- Part time VET courses offered

Open Access College (OAC)

There are 3 schools in South Australia that have a boarding option and also offer a Cert 2/3 in Agriculture. Cleve AS, Burra Community College and Lucindale AS. Cert 2 and 3 in Agriculture are part of the FIP and as such is subsidized by the government, as is a cert 3 in Rural Operations. The DfE preferred provider register identified the RTOs listed below as possible training providers. Any student can engage in a Cert 2 or 3 in Agriculture through their locally zoned school as long as the school is willing and able to let the student attend the RTO for training days. There may be other private RTOs not listed that families could choose to train with if they are prepared to pay the full (unsubsidised) fee. This may not be a very popular option as the full price is around \$5200 compared to the subsidized price of \$528.

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL PORT LINCOLN

| Learning Program/ VET Course | Available to students from which Year Levels | Taught On Campus (at school) or external site (e.g. RTO site) |
|----------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Certificate II in Rural Operations AHC21216 | Year 11 and 12 | Delivered by TAFE SA Port Lincoln |
| Certificate III in Rural Operations AHC32816 | Year 11 and 12 | Delivered by TAFE SA Port Lincoln |
| Certificate II in Agriculture AHC20116 | Year 11 and 12 | Delivered by TAFE SA Port Lincoln |
| Certificate III Agriculture AHC30116 | Year 11 and 12 | Delivered by TAFE SA Port Lincoln |

LORETO COLLEGE

| Learning Program/ VET Course | Available to students from which Year Levels | Taught On Campus (at school) or external site (e.g. RTO site) |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Science: Environmental Science focus with sustainability, farming, climate change | Years 7, 8 and 9 | Delivered on Campus |

SACRED HEART COLLEGE

Students of Sacred Heart College have also undertaken School Based Apprenticeships in Agriculture.

| Learning Program/ VET Course | Available to students from which Year Levels | Taught On Campus (at school) or external site (e.g. RTO site) |
|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| Certificate III Rural Operations - Animal Studies | Year 11 and 12 | Delivered by Regional Skills Training (RST) at Urrbrae |
| Certificate III Rural Operations - Primary Production | Year 11 and 12 | Delivered by Regional Skills Training (RST) at Urrbrae |
| Certificate II Agriculture | Year 11 and 12 | Urrbrae Agricultural High School |

ROSTREVOR COLLEGE

| Learning Program/ VET Course | Available to students from which Year Levels | Taught On Campus (at school) or external site (e.g. RTO site) |
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| SSDIS01003 - Introduction to Agriculture | Year 11 | External: Independent Institute of Food Processing (IIFP) |
| AHC20116 - Certificate II in Agriculture | Year 11/Year 12 | External: Independent Institute of Food Processing (IIFP) |
| AHC30116 - Certificate III in Agriculture | Year 12 | External: Independent Institute of Food Processing (IIFP) |
| Year 7 and 8 Agriculture | Year 7 and 8 as part of Science units | Taught on campus as part of Science |
| Year 9 Agriculture | Year 9 Semester elective course | Taught on campus |
| Year 10 Agricultural Studies | Year 10 Semester course | Taught on campus |
| Stage 1 and Stage 2 SACE Agricultural Systems 10 and 20 credit courses available in Stage 1 20 credits at Stage 2 SACE | Year 11 and 12 Semester and Full year course/s available | Taught on campus |

Reginal Skills Training ‘RST’: All public schools can offer certificates and training through RST. Click on these links to find out more about the courses.

<https://www.rst.edu.au/program/primary-production/>

<https://www.rst.edu.au/program/animal-care-and-husbandry/>