



The Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Parliament of South Australia are offering South Australian schools financial assistance for a student civics visit to Adelaide.

Education is brought to life by firsthand experiences: a visit to the South Australian Parliament provides students with the opportunity to experience the place where laws are made.

All students should have this opportunity no matter where they live. Visiting Parliament and other civic institutions helps young people to find out about South Australia's history and democratic system so they can better understand how they can play an active part in their community.

The Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Parliament of South Australia are commencing a trial program offering a financial grant to five low-SES schools that are sited 20km or more from Parliament House.

Based on the following scale, selected schools will be given a financial grant to support a class trip to the CBD, on the condition that the group makes a booking to visit Parliament House during their stay. Schools are welcome to use other time in the CBD to book in at complementary institutions, provided that the Parliament House visit is confirmed.

Distance from Parliament	Travel and Accommodation Grant (per head)
Adelaide outer suburbs (over 20km)	\$20
Inner regions (over 50km)	\$60
Outer regions (over 150km)	\$100
Outback (over 500km)	\$120

Any school can apply for the grant if they are sited 20km or more from Parliament House and are in a low-SES or ICSEA area. All you have to do to be successful is tell us about your civics program and why your students want to visit the South Australian Parliament.

Whether or not you get the grant, we encourage schools to visit the CBD and Parliament. The Education Office can tailor your visit to meet your curricular needs, offering visits to the chambers, talks on relevant topics, and even parliamentary style debates.

While in Adelaide, we encourage schools to visit other institutions to learn about civics and citizenship, as well as on broader topics, depending on their learning needs.

Apply for the Grant

Please use the application form (link below) to apply.



[SA Civics Education Rebate Application - CCYP & Parliament of SA](#)

Only schools that are more than 20km from Parliament House, with an ICSEA score below 1000 or an Index of Educational Disadvantage of between 1 and 5 should apply.

If chosen, the only condition for the grant is that the school visits Parliament House. How each school organises the rest of its visit will be entirely up to them according to their own needs and interests.

If you have any questions about the scheme, please contact Education Officer on (08) 8237 9386 or email natalie.young@parliament.sa.gov.au.

Learning destinations for schools



The organisations listed below provide a broad range of opportunities for civics and citizenship learning, much of which is closely aligned to the curriculum. Most of the organisations are based in or around central Adelaide, while some offer online learning or will visit regional locations.

Teachers may wish to choose other organisations to visit for alternate topics, for physical activity or for recreation, which can be found here or at a variety of other websites:



Outreach Education – step outside the classroom

In addition, a broad range of organisations offer youth leadership opportunities across South Australia, which are too numerous to list here, such as the YMCA Youth Parliament and the State Environment Council.

Recommended for a civics visit to Adelaide



Parliament House, Adelaide

Parliament Tour: students visit the House with their local Member of the State Parliament and learn about levels of government, the role of parliament/MPs etc. Student debate: on non-sitting days students can participate in a 45-minute Parliamentary style debate in the chamber, complete with props.

Address: North Terrace, Adelaide

Cost: FREE

Level: Years 4–12

Learning area: Civics and citizenship, history

natalie.young@parliament.sa.gov.au

(08) 8237 9386

<https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Visit/Tours>

schools@centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au

(08) 8203 9888

<https://centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au/visit/>

Government House

Tour of Government House: volunteer guides are available to escort groups by appointment.

Address: North Terrace, Adelaide

Learning area: Civics/history

Cost: FREE

08 8203 9812

<https://www.governor.sa.gov.au/government-house2/school-tours>

The Holocaust Museum

Offers a range of programs linked to the curriculum and SACE. For example, it ran a 100-minute guided program about the Holocaust through its temporary Anne Frank exhibition in 2021.

Address: 33 Wakefield Street, Adelaide

Level: Years 9-12

Learning area: Civics/history

Cost: \$260 per class, \$190 equity or country

kbaykitch@ahmsec.org.au

(08) 7089 5237

<https://ahmsec.org.au/education/>

The Centre of Democracy

School visits are self-guided and must be booked in advance – there is a teachers' guide for visiting re Governance in the Early Colony, Social Movements in SA, the timeline of suffrage, and other exhibits. One of its online resources is related to a 'Democracy Walk' up North Terrace.

Address: Institute Building, corner of North Terrace and Kintore Avenue, Adelaide

Learning area: Civics/history

Cost: FREE

Legal Services Commission

Offers legal information sessions and fact sheets.

Address: Based in Adelaide, will come to a venue of your choice.

Area: Legal matters, such as sexual consent and filming laws

Cost: FREE

(08) 8111 5555

<https://lsc.sa.gov.au/Education>

Migration Museum

The Making of Democracy (with the Centre of Democracy): looks at the key players in establishing democracy in Australia including understanding of the impact of colonisation.

Experiences of colonisation: program focuses on the lives of children both pre and post colonisation in South Australia.

Unpacking histories uses a hands-on approach to learn about 20th and 21st century history of migration.

20th and 21st Century Immigration: students are challenged to think critically about past and current immigration policies, Australian identity and multiculturalism in post-Federation Australia.

Also has developed guides for visits by people with autism (Level: 5, 6).

Address: 82 Kintore Avenue, Adelaide

Learning area: Civics and citizenship, history

Cost: \$5 per student/\$2 equity

migration@history.sa.gov.au

(08) 8207 7580

<https://migration.history.sa.gov.au/resources/programs-for-schools/>

Other SA learning destinations



Adelaide Gaol

Interactive and structured visits, including team debates and curriculum aligned tours.

Address: 18 Gaol Road, Adelaide

Level: Secondary students

Learning area: Society and culture

Cost: \$6.50 per student (up to 30 students), \$75 per tour

AdelaideGaol@sa.gov.au

(08) 8231 4062

<https://www.adelaidegaol.sa.gov.au/education-tours>

Art Gallery of SA

Australian History: Communities – their past present and possible futures.

Address: North Terrace, Adelaide

Level: Year 5

Learning area: History

Cost: FREE

info@artgallery.sa.gov.au

(08) 8207 7000

<https://www.agsa.sa.gov.au/education/tips-planning-excursion/>

Museum of Discovery

Offers school visits around their exhibitions.

Address: North Terrace, Adelaide

Level: Ages 15+

Learning area: Varies

Cost: \$220 for a guided tour

(08) 8302 6663

<https://mod.org.au/visit/schools/>

South Australian Law Courts

Teachers can book self-directed class visits to the Adelaide Magistrates Court and access the online resources which are designed to help students understand the way in which courts work, in particular the role played by courts as ethical decision-makers. Other court locations can also provide a focus of the visit.

Address: Victoria Square, Adelaide

Learning area: Civics and citizenship

Cost: FREE

(08) 8207 7000

<https://www.courts.sa.gov.au/for-the-community/school-visits/>

Regional options



If you can't visit Adelaide, there are also organisations that will visit you and/or provide online information

Parliament House, Adelaide

Can provide regional visits.

Level: Years 4–12

Learning area: Civics and citizenship, history

Cost: FREE

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(08) 8237 9386

<https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Visit/Tours>

Green Adelaide

Provides tools and support to students to encourage a youth action approach to sustainability. Students are encouraged to play an active role in decision making, planning and taking action within their school and community. Supports SACE students looking at local sustainability issues as part of their Research Project.

Also provides opportunities for students to make their voices and opinions known via the Youth Environment Council (years 7–10) and Youth Voice Group.

Where: At various sites or at schools

Learning area: Civics/STEM

Cost: FREE

dew.greenadelaide@sa.gov.au

(08) 8463 3733

<https://www.greenadelaide.sa.gov.au/get-involved/for-young-people>

Legal Services Commission

Can visit organisations, schools or groups. Helps young people to understand the law and how it can affect them. We help young people to know their rights, understand their responsibilities and navigate confidently through the legal system, knowing when and where to ask for help and further advice.

Address: Based in Adelaide

Learning area: Law

Cost: FREE

(08) 8111 5555

<https://lsc.sa.gov.au/Education>

State Library of SA

Offers a Digital Resource for learners to explore their own community aligned to the curriculum

Address: North Terrace, Adelaide

Level: Years 3–6

Learning area: Civics & citizenship (and others)

Cost: FREE

SLSAEducation@sa.gov.au

(08) 8207 7250

<https://www.slsa.sa.gov.au/programs>

Other visits and experiences may be available on request.

Civics and citizenship teaching resources



There are many national and international resources available to help teachers with civics and citizenship activities. Some options from South Australia are listed below:

yChange

yChange (<https://ychange.com.au/>) is South Australia's first curriculum aligned, project based, action civics resource for primary and secondary educators. It offers easy to use resources for teachers and is tailored to a range of age groups. yChange has the support of the Parliamentary Education Office, the History Trust of South Australia, The Centre of Democracy, the Governor's Civics Awards, Generation Citizen, HASS SA and AISSA.

Civics Teacher Seminar Series

The Parliament of South Australia's Education Office, the Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Department for Education are hosting a series of seminars that are available to teachers and pre-service teachers from all sectors on a range of civics and citizenship topics. The sessions will be run from Term 2 2022. All sessions are free and online, including a special NAIDOC Week session with Jack Buckskin. Register here: <https://forms.office.com/r/e5sggmBqQa>

SA Learning Destinations for Teachers

Many of South Australia's civic institutions run teacher training modules aligned to the curriculum.

Parliament SA

Runs teacher and pre-service teacher training in Parliament House and in schools.

Learning area: Civics and citizenship, history

Cost: FREE

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<https://www.parliament.sa.gov.au/en/Education/Programs>

The Holocaust Museum

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<https://ahmsec.org.au/education/>

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State Library of SA

Has a digital teaching resource online to help map an overview of learning outcomes in the areas of Humanities and Social Sciences to enable students to inquire, research and delve into the histories and stories of SA.

Address: North Terrace, Adelaide

Level: Years 3–6

Learning area: HASS

Cost: FREE

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