



Information on Education System for Children in SA

Day Care (Child Care) (Long, Family, Occasional, Out of school hours care/OSHC, In-home)

- **Long day care** - Provides education and care for children from birth to 12 years old. A good choice for working parents.
- **Family day care** - Offers flexible education and care for children in private homes of registered carers.
- **Occasional care** - Provides education and care on a casual basis or for short periods.
- **Out of school hours care** - Provides an opportunity for children to relax and play in a supervised environment, before/after school, pupil-free day or during school holidays.
- **In-home care** – Focuses on early childhood education and care and provided by qualified educators for families with special needs, for example if the child or parent has an illness or disability.

Preschool (Kindergarten)

- Children who will be starting school within the next year (4-5 years old) can attend.
- Children usually attend up to four sessions per week for up to four terms.
- Preschools may be a stand-alone preschool centre, co-located with a school or co-located with another child care service.
- They may be run by government, private or community providers.

Primary Schools

- Most children start school the year they turn 5 or 6 years old.
- Primary school start from reception – Year 7.
- In SA, it is compulsory for children between the ages of 6 and 16 to attend school.



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Secondary/High Schools

- In SA, secondary or high school is the final period of compulsory education.
- Students are educated from Year 8 – 12.
- In their final 2 years, students complete the South Australia Certificate of Education (SACE).

South Australia Certificate of Education (SACE)

- The SACE is a two-stage certificate with most students studying Stage 1 in Year 11 and Stage 2 in Year 12
- 200 credits are required to complete the SACE with subjects being worth either 10 or 20 credits.
- Some credits will need to come from compulsory requirements, but most will come from subjects chosen personally.

Australian school based apprenticeships (ASBAs)

- ASBAs allow students to start working on an apprenticeship or traineeship from year 10.
- Students interested in ASBAs should talk to their school's career advisor.
- Students undertaking ASBAs can:
 - Continue going to school and study for SACE
 - Count study and placements related to vocational education training (VET) toward their SACE
 - Work towards a nationally recognised VET qualification through a registered training organisation (RTO)
 - Undertake paid part-time work
 - Continue their apprenticeship or traineeship after they have left school, either part-time or full-time



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Intensive English Language Centres (IELC) & New Arrivals Program (NAP) centres

- **Newly arrived** primary school students can enrol in an IELC and secondary school students in a NAP.
- To be eligible, students must arrive in Australia within 12 months or 18 months for children beginning school in reception or year 1.
- IELC and NAP programs support students by providing:
 - intensive English language support from specialist teachers
 - a modified curriculum for school aged children
 - a variety of activities within the school and local community, including excursions and social events
 - bilingual classroom support

State, Independent & Catholic Schools

- **State schools** are funded by the SA Government. They provide **free** tuition for children. Parents are still asked to pay some fees for school materials or activities, such as textbooks, uniforms and excursions.
- **Independent and Catholic schools** are partly funded by the Commonwealth and State Governments, and usually **charge school fees** to attend.