

PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM

The South Australian government provides the curriculum for Kindergarten to Year 12 and supports student needs and interests with a variety of courses in a range of learning areas. South Australia joined with the Australian Government and all other states and territories to develop an [Australian Curriculum](#).

The school year begins late-January/early-February. Children can be enrolled in kindergarten at the beginning of the school year if they turn 5 on or before 31 April of that year. They must be enrolled by their sixth birthday. Parents of children attending Public schools pay a small fee to attend for Australian citizens and permanent residents, a fee is levied for others (see below).

Public school enrollments are based on the suburb of residence, often referred to as the 'catchment'. The enrolment process for public school can be commenced only after securing a property, according to eligibility criteria. Most South Australian Government schools have specific local enrolment catchment areas. These schools ensure that there are enough places for students who reside in their local enrolment area. School enrolment can be arranged throughout the year.

TEMPORARY RESIDENTS PROGRAM – FOR TEMPORARY VISA HOLDERS ENROLLING WITH A STATE SCHOOL

The South Australian Temporary Residents Program provides advice and support for the enrolment of temporary residents in South Australian Government schools. The program accepts enrolment in primary school and high school from Kindergarten to Year 12. The tuition fee for a temporary resident student is determined by the visa subclass held by the student. The tuition fee is charged on a whole week basis. If for any reason a student only attends school for a part week, the whole week rate is charged.

For fees and eligibility and enrolment requirements please visit [Education SA](#).

Documents generally required (additional documents may also be required):

- ✓ The child's birth certificate or identity documents
- ✓ Parent/carer's details
- ✓ Residency status or visa number (if applicable)
- ✓ Passport, travel documents, or current visa (if applicable)
- ✓ Australian childhood immunization register or immunization history statement
- ✓ Personal details
- ✓ Proof of residential address, a 12 month lease (or council rates if a homeowner), utility bill
- ✓ Medicare number if available
- ✓ Medical details and health conditions
- ✓ Doctor's details
- ✓ Emergency contact details
- ✓ Family law or court orders (if applicable)
- ✓ Documents associated with any disability or other support needs, including any learning and support plans (if applicable)



SCHOOL TERMS

| 2024 School Term Dates | From | To |
|------------------------|------------|--------------|
| Term 1 | 30 January | 12 April |
| Term 2 | 29 April | 5 July |
| Term 3 | 22 July | 27 September |
| Term 4 | 14 October | 20 December |

CHILDCARE (PRE SCHOOL SYSTEM)

The South Australian Department of Education regulates early childhood education and care. It assesses providers against the [National Quality Standard](#) and gives them a [quality rating](#).

The South Australian Government's [Parenting SA - Parent Easy Guides](#) guide provides information, support services and guides for parents and carers in South Australia to help their child get the best start in life. If you are looking for early childhood education and care, we can help you find a provider near your home, workplace or other location

| Average Cost Per Day | Age |
|----------------------|--------------------|
| \$150 | Baby under 2 years |
| \$140 | 2 to 3 year old |
| \$135 | 3 to 5 year old |

PRIVATE SCHOOL SYSTEM

Private schools in Adelaide include Catholic schools, independent schools, non-denominational (no religious affiliation) and other religion-based and operated schools. The cost of private schooling varies considerably depending on the curriculum and facilities offered. School recommendations can be offered based on academic and curriculum criteria. There is generally strict admittance criteria.

Fees will vary from school to school, the fees below are an average, per child, per year:

| Kindergarten to Year 6 | Year 7 to Year 12 |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| \$26,000 to \$33,000 | \$39,000 to \$42,000 |

In most instances Catholic Schools have lesser fees than the above, mostly between \$8,000 and \$10,000 per child, per annum.

In addition to yearly fees there may also be fees such as:

- A non-refundable Application Fee of \$300
- A non-refundable Enrolment Fee of \$4,000