

LEARNING AT USC

An exciting and innovative Year 10-12 curriculum to get you ready for University and prepare you for life.

BE READY FOR UNIVERSITY



WELCOME

University Senior College is the place for you to carve your pathway to University studies.

Our College is an exciting and dynamic senior secondary College – a place to assist aspirational students to maximise their learning and prepare them for tertiary education. As a student at USC, you will work with like-minded individuals in an atmosphere of mutual respect. You will learn from staff who are passionate about teaching and ensure you are challenged, yet comfortable in our unique environment, bringing together the best of university campus study and secondary learning.

Our classes are large enough to encourage debate and small enough to ensure you receive the attention you need. By being in the heart of The University of Adelaide, you'll soon discover the benefits of accessing University facilities, research and contacts to help your studies.

Find your place here at USC. Get in touch to take a tour and see first-hand what we can offer you, and how we can inspire you to reach your potential and your goals.

I look forward to welcoming you to the USC community!

Anita Zocchi, Principal



“I LOVE THE INDEPENDENCE AND INITIATIVE THE SCHOOL GRANTS TO STUDENTS. IT GIVES BACK CONTROL AND HELPS MAKE THE STUDENTS FEEL IN CHARGE OF THEIR OWN LEARNING.”

Braheem, Year 10



STARTING AT ANY NEW SCHOOL CAN BE DAUNTING BUT AT USC, WE’VE GOT IT COVERED.

With most students joining us in Year 10 and 11, you won't be alone in being new to the school. In fact you will have a fresh start.

IF YOU'RE STUDYING YEAR 10 OR JOINING US IN YEAR 11 OR YEAR 12, USC WILL PROVIDE A STUDY EXPERIENCE THAT WILL FAST-TRACK YOUR CAREER PATH AND LEARNING JOURNEY.

YEAR 10

Year 10 at University Senior College gives you flexibility and challenge to help you accelerate your learning.

Classes are large enough to encourage debate and explore new ideas, but small enough to get the attention you need, working one-on-one with your teachers.

Studying Year 10 at USC combines the more traditional subjects with some SACE Stage 1 subjects. You'll be working with subject specialists with a deep knowledge, experience and passion in their fields and with fellow students who love to learn.

YEAR 11

Year 11 is a pivotal year in your senior secondary schooling, and our comprehensive orientation program will get you off to a good start. You won't be alone in being new to the school – you'll have a fresh start.

We carefully manage the progression from Year 10 to a more tertiary-style study, and give you time to adapt. Every subject has two 2 hour tutorials per week. These longer sessions allow you to explore your learning in more depth.

YEAR 12

It's one thing to complete Year 12. It's another thing to be prepared for the university course of your choice.

With our learning model – something you'll discover in University – you'll build on Year 11 and benefit from learning that is focused, interactive, motivating and enjoyable. Your teachers will supervise your study and give you personal help when you need it. You learn in lecture theatres on The University of Adelaide campus, and in small groups for tutorials.

Our partnership with The University of Adelaide helps us to ensure our learning programs are relevant and challenging.

Our learning program challenges you to develop deep knowledge and understanding in your chosen course while your skills in critical and creative thinking and communication are honed.

Outside of scheduled classes, you'll study independently either on the USC campus or on The University of Adelaide campus.

As a Year 11 student you can ask our old scholars and leaders in professions for their advice and discuss your career plans with The University of Adelaide. You will be supported to explore and use the facilities at The University and USC teachers will introduce you to University staff.

The Formal is also a Year 11 highlight.

SEVEN REASONS TO STUDY AT USC

We support you to take your place in the world through an academic pathway leading to university. Here are seven reasons to study at University Senior College.

1. Mutual respect is the key to our adult learning environment. You will enjoy a quality learning experience within a strong learning culture.
2. We set high expectations and provide challenging learning to help you reach your goals.
3. You will study a broad range of subjects in the sciences, mathematics, humanities, music and the arts.
4. Through the Partner's Pathway, you are guaranteed of a place at The University of Adelaide. The Partner's Pathway is available for all courses offered by The University of Adelaide, except those requiring an audition, interview or University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT).
5. You can continue your language of choice and study with the School of Languages.
6. Through the Accelerated Headstart Program, you can study subjects above your year level.
7. You can access all The University of Adelaide clubs, and even the EFM gym that's on our campus!



Our curriculum will accelerate your learning to achieve your potential. We'll open your eyes to the pathways of your learning journey, and provide support to help you get there.

PATHWAYS TO UNIVERSITY

Students who secure a position at The University of Adelaide must meet the criteria agreed upon by the University and University Senior College. Achieving high standards in Years 11 and 12, and studying five subjects in Year 12 are some of the requirements. Other requirements are:

Another option is hybrid courses - our flexible timetable allows you to undertake study at both Years 11 and 12. The University of Adelaide offers access to some of its first-year courses to USC students who have completed some Year 12 subjects through its Accelerated Headstart Program.



USC offers specialist teaching in the Arts. Students are encouraged to develop and explore their creative talents in Art, Design, Drama and Music, achieving exceptional outcomes.

“I LOVE THE DIVERSE RANGE OF SUBJECTS AVAILABLE TO CHOOSE FROM. THE TWO HOUR TUTORIALS HELP TO REALLY DIVE DEEPLY INTO LEARNING AND GIVES MORE TIME TO COMPLETE WORK.”

Ashley, Year 10

WHAT YOU'LL STUDY

Our curriculum is structured to prepare you for university study, with a particular focus on the courses at The University of Adelaide, recognising the unique partnership between University Senior College and The University of Adelaide.

The subject choices offered at our school also prepare our students for courses at other universities here in South Australia, interstate and overseas.

You'll be working towards your South Australian Certificate of Education (SACE). While SACE is your study foundation, the expectations are raised in a number of ways. These are neatly packaged in our unique Partner's Pathway arrangement with The University of Adelaide. Through this pathway, the University has recognised our academically demanding program by offering places to students who engage and achieve at USC.

HOW USC IS DIFFERENT TO SECONDARY SCHOOL

Your learning will be more like the University model you're heading towards. USC is truly an adult learning environment.

You'll have an individualised timetable filled with subjects that best suit your interests, no school uniform or bells and you will have flexibility in your day. USC is located on The University of Adelaide campus and shares the same timetable, making it easier to attend any lectures, workshops or practicals.

You'll be on first-name terms with your teachers, and can make one-on-one appointments if you need some clarification or a little extra support. We don't have a school uniform, but we do have a Year 12 Jumper and an optional Year 10 and 11 Jumper. Neat casual dress is expected.

By being on campus at The University of Adelaide, you can access University resources including the Barr Smith library, the Hub and other study spaces. We have structured the timetable to allow you to complete most of that private study during the day, leaving you time for your out-of-school interests, activities or work commitments.



The best way to see yourself at University Senior College is to take a guided tour or explore the College on one of our virtual tour and Q&A sessions.

“I’M BEING PREPARED TO BE READY FOR UNIVERSITY BY CONSISTENTLY CHECKING ON THE REQUIREMENTS FOR COURSES AND KEEPING UP WITH THE PARTNERS PROGRAM.”

Alanna, Year 11

BE INSPIRED BY GREAT TEACHERS

Our strong learning culture is driven by passionate and inspirational teachers.

As subject specialists with deep knowledge, experience and passion for their areas, our teachers deliver interactive lectures that bring together innovation and challenge; the best of teaching and today's technology.

Your teachers will be available for one-on-one sessions, inspiring you to take your learning to another level.

FIND YOUR PURPOSE IN HELPING OTHERS

Contentment in life comes from serving others, and you can find purpose and discover ways to shape your world.

Our students aren't just part of the world, they shape it.

We encourage you to learn about others injustices and respond to it. Through presentations and opportunities to be involved in practical programs, you will have the opportunity to reach out to vulnerable communities.

**TECHNOLOGY IS AT THE HUB
OF OUR CAMPUSES, AND THE
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DIGITAL SIDE OF YOUR STUDY,
REGARDLESS OF WHERE YOU
ARE WORKING.**

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TIME WORTH IT!”**

Milla, Year 11



Each year, we offer a range of scholarships to students who embody our values of excellence, respect and diversity.

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YEAR 10 AT USC

Ready for Senior School?

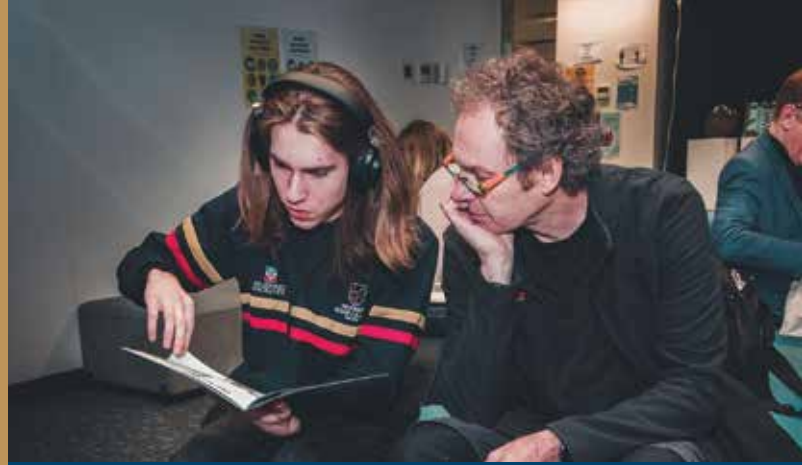
Try a learning challenge with a difference.

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WELCOME, YEAR 10 STUDENTS!

Year 10 at USC offers an exciting opportunity and significant flexibility for students who require acceleration and challenge in their learning. The USC Year 10 experience combines a range of Year 10 and some Stage 1 subjects and most importantly provides a learning environment where everyone wants to learn.



As parents are partners with USC their involvement in our College is critical – from Meet the Mentor nights, Parent Guest Speaker Nights and Parent-Teacher interviews.

YEAR 10 AT USC

Year 10 at USC follows the Australian Curriculum and includes English, Mathematics, the Arts, Sciences, Humanities and the PLP.

You'll also get a taste of subjects to help with your Stage 1 program. We are a school focussed on your pathway to university but we know that subjects like Philosophy, Civics and Entrepreneurship and Psychology are also important and broaden your thinking and educational experience.

To help you settle into your new school, our transition programs will make you and your family feel welcome at USC before you start. You'll have the chance to meet the Dean and our mentors. O Week at the start of the year familiarises you with our school, The University of Adelaide campus and the city cultural precinct. There will be chances to engage in activities together – from Fringe shows to adventure.

Once you've started, our mentoring and wellbeing programs will provide support. We understand that to learn you need to feel good about yourself and your studies.

USC IS A PLACE OF INCLUSION AND CONNECTION, WHERE DEEP RELATIONSHIPS ARE VALUED BETWEEN STAFF, STUDENTS AND STUDENT TO STUDENT.



FAST-TRACK YOUR DEGREE

At USC, our flexible timetable makes it possible to study above your year level – whether that means taking a Stage 2 subject in Year 11 or studying at The University of Adelaide while at Year 12.

University subjects taken through The University of Adelaide's Headstart program can count toward your SACE Stage 2 and your ATAR, and may be credited to your degree studies at the University.



Our teachers understand there is much more to learning and to young people today.

HOW WE TRACK YOUR PROGRESS AND SUCCESS

Regular feedback is provided in class and through reports issued each term. Interviews between parents and staff are held in Terms 2 and 3.

These give a complete picture of your progress – the interviews give parents the opportunity to discuss student well-being and academic progress while the reports include information about performance, attitude, effort and attendance. You are also able to seek feedback from teachers in one-to-one or small group appointments too.



“COMING FROM A BROAD RANGE OF SCHOOLS, ANXIOUSNESS ON DAY ONE FOR OUR YEAR 10 STUDENTS WAS REPLACED QUICKLY WITH A FEELING OF BELONGING AND A WILLINGNESS TO EMBRACE ALL THAT WAS NEW.”

Ann Rayson, Dean of Student Experience, Year 10

THE ATTRIBUTES OF A USC GRADUATE

Our graduates leave University Senior College with qualities that help them be ready for University, and ahead of the curve when entering the workforce. Our graduates are:

- Adaptable, resilient and ready to succeed at university
- Effective communicators
- Leaders and collaborators
- Creative, innovative and critical thinkers
- Ethical and interculturally minded



OUR CLASS NUMBERS ARE CAPPED AT 20

You will be in classes large enough to encourage debate and explore new ideas, but small enough so you receive the attention you need in your senior years of high school.

Watch stories of USC students and graduates at www.usc.adelaide.edu.au or on Facebook.

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CAMPUS FACILITIES

If you love to learn, USC is the place to be. Located in the heart of the CBD, with every resource you need within walking distance.

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THE JORDAN CAMPUS

Our main campus is nestled in the six-storey Jordan Building on the grounds of The University of Adelaide, North Terrace campus. Our facilities include:

- Science laboratories with specialised rooms for Physics, Chemistry, Biology and Earth & Environmental Science
- General classrooms
- Modern and flexible learning and teaching spaces
- Two state-of-the-art lecture theatres
- Student kitchen facilities



The Jordan campus is the heart of University Senior College – located in the city, close to university and library facilities, on The University of Adelaide’s North Terrace campus.

THE GAWLER PLACE CAMPUS

Our Gawler Place campus sits just off North Terrace on Level 9 of the Parc Arcade building at 7-16 Gawler Place. It is home to our Year 10s, Visual Arts, Drama and Music facilities.

Expansive spaces are used for Art, Design, Music and Drama lessons, as well as Adelaide Fringe performances and the annual Art & Design Exhibition.

A new music suite equipped with four practice rooms and performance space is located on the ground floor of the Parc Arcade.

The Gawler Place campus is also home of the USC STEM Thinker Tinker Maker space.



“THE OPPORTUNITIES USC CREATES FOR ME – FRIENDS, SUBJECTS AND CONNECTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY OPEN UP SO MANY PATHWAYS.”

Cameron, Year 11

THE UNIVERSITY OF ADELAIDE CAMPUS

Our fantastic location on The University of Adelaide's North Terrace campus and our partnership with The University of Adelaide means you can access:

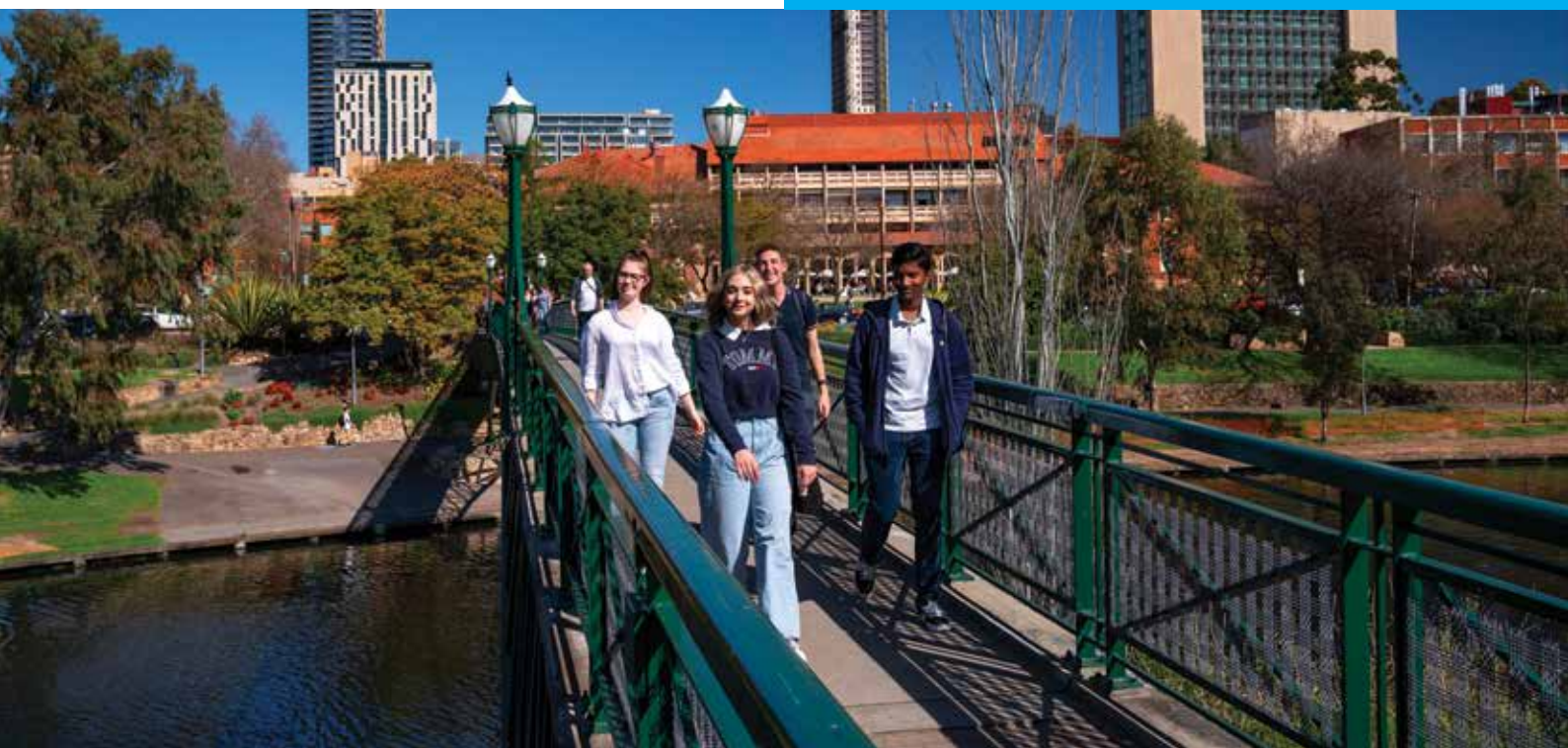
- Lecture theatres: the majority of Year 12 lectures are held in lecture theatres on the North Terrace campus. Year 12 lectures are recorded and provided online to students.
- Barr Smith Library: borrow, use computers and study spaces, including the silent study room.
- Student Hub: a range of eateries and collaboration/study spaces.
- Adelaide Law School: the location of mock trials, and the seat of law learning in our state for more than a century.
- Little Theatre: the home of The University of Adelaide's Theatre Guild and a comfortable 120-seat theatre. Used for our Drama productions.
- Schools and research hubs in Physics and Space Science, Chemistry, Biology and Mathematics: extension activities take place right in the heart of the university; learn about cutting-edge research.
- The information technology services provided for University students and staff.
- The fitness hub, clubs and facilities of The University of Adelaide Sport.



The University of Adelaide campus, viewed from Victoria Drive.

“THE GENUINE CARE AND RESPECT SHOWN BY USC TEACHERS IS UNMATCHED.”

Ruby, Year 11



NORTH TERRACE FACILITIES

Studying in the heart of the educational and cultural precinct allows you to immerse yourself in the resources of the city you need most for your study. You'll have access to:

- Art Gallery
- State Library
- Botanical Gardens
- JamFactory
- Museum
- Centre of Democracy
- Parliament House



University Senior College is easily accessible by train, tram and bus.

WITH TWO TWO-HOUR TUTORIAL AND LESSON TIMES, USC STUDENTS HAVE AMPLE TIME TO EXPERIENCE THESE RESOURCES ALL DURING CLASS TIME.

“MY SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS CARING, INVITING AND ACADEMICALLY STIMULATING.”

Jessica, Year 10

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MENTORING

Your study at USC includes having a mentor and a trusted person who supports you, because being an independent learner doesn't mean going it alone.

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THE BEST ENVIRONMENT

We believe the best environment for achievement is one that supports you academically, personally and emotionally.

Students feel at home on The University campus as we ensure they experience the specialised facilities and opportunities. Student and staff enjoy taking advantage of the cultural precinct in the city, using it to enhance learning.

Our learning program is interwoven with individual and targeted support. Some, like mentoring, is regular and on-going, while student counselling is there when you need it.

“WE CARRY IMMEASURABLE GRATITUDE FOR OUR YEAR 12 MENTORS FOR CONSISTENTLY CHECKING IN ON US WITH A CUP OF COFFEE IN HAND. THEY WORK TIRELESSLY BEHIND THE SCENES TO BUILD A REASSURING SUPPORT NETWORK AT SCHOOL.”

Savannah, Year 12



MENTORING

You'll be assigned a mentor who will keep in touch regarding your overall wellbeing and academic progress. Your mentor will:

- Review your academic progress with you
- Help you to develop your study skills
- Help you make the transition to an adult learning environment
- Advise you the right way to get guidance on your career and tertiary study pathways
- Be an important link between your school, you and your parents or caregivers.

COUNSELLING

Your wellbeing is important, and our counsellors work with everyone in the College community to create a safe, supportive environment in which you can thrive.

Our counsellors can help you with school-related matters, including future directions and pathways, as well as personal issues. Making an appointment is easy.

Our counsellors can also support you by offering to talk with others on your behalf - for example with teachers, friends or parents - providing you give your permission.

The support and understanding of parents/ caregivers may help to resolve an issue and increase a student's safety and wellbeing. So parents and caregivers can also make an appointment to meet with the counsellors and seek support to manage issues that concern them as parents. They will be assisted by the counsellors in the same way as students are.



Our graduates are ready to succeed at university, and become leaders in their fields. If you're a student at USC, you'll be challenged to be a creative critical thinker, building skills in resilience and innovation.



“THE USC SCHOOL COMMUNITY IS DIVERSE AND VERY ACCEPTING. THIS MADE TRANSITIONING TO A NEW SCHOOL SO EASY.”

Tom, Year 11

CAREERS

We have a wealth of information that we will place at your fingertips at USC.

Our staff will guide you to make the right subject choices for Year 11 and for Year 12, ensuring you've met any prerequisites or assumed knowledge for the courses you wish to study at University.

We can also put you in touch with University staff to discuss specific aspects of your study options and help you explore different ways to achieve tertiary study or career goal.

Career guidance starts early with assistance in Year 10 for writing resumes and preparing for job interviews. The Careers Expo is a highlight of Year 11, and in Year 12 you'll have one-on-one appointments with The University of Adelaide recruitment officer regarding your future pathway. Plus, you'll be supported by USC Old Scholars through our career coaching program.



The right option for your career might be right in front of you or something you haven't discovered yet. Our career guidance will help you discover the possibilities ahead.

“THE THING I LOVE ABOUT THIS SCHOOL IS THE ADULT LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHERE WE ARE GIVEN MORE FREEDOM THAN OTHER PLACES.”

Mainav, Year 10



OUR UNIVERSITY SENIOR COLLEGE COMMUNITY

Everyone finds their place in our community. USC is much more than a learning environment – it’s a vibrant community that values and respects everyone in it. We have high standards of learning, and we also place great value on relationships and inclusion.

We welcome parents, who are a key part of a student’s learning journey. We are in regular communication parents to seek their feedback and input, and to ensure we are meeting their needs as well as those of the students.

Our graduates stay in touch with their community through reunions and the Old Scholar Association, and also contribute to the College through sharing their knowledge, expertise and contacts that they have built – and are building – in their own industries.



Everyone can find their place in our community.

“THE FRIENDSHIPS FORGED IN THE EARLY DAYS REMAINED STRONG AND KNOWING EVERYONE WAS IN THE SAME BOAT OF NOT KNOWING ANYONE MADE IT EASIER TO FORM DEEP FRIENDSHIPS FROM THE GET-GO.”

Milla, Year 11

STAY CONNECTED WITH YOUR USC FRIENDS AFTER YOUR TIME AT SCHOOL WITH USC OLD SCHOLARS.



UNIVERSITY SENIOR COLLEGE IS A PLACE ...

- Where everyone can learn and is respected.
- Where you will be challenged in your learning and you will thrive.
- Where you are supported on your pathway to help you get to where you want to be.
- Of welcome, inclusion, connection and where authentic relationships are valued between staff, students and student to student.
- That is diverse and respectful. USC is a safe and supported adult learning environment.



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MUSIC PROGRAM

Music at University Senior College is vibrant and an ever growing learning area, which focuses on individual programs.

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Key points of interest in the Music classroom program:

- A flexible and individual program tailored to each student's needs and interests.
- USC offers Stage 2 Solo and Ensemble Performance, Music Explorations and Music Studies, allowing for pathways for all Year 12 students who have different levels of musical skills and knowledge.
- Ensembles and solo opportunities are available at Year 10, 11 and 12.
- Access to Elder Conservatorium School of Music facilities and resources.
- Specialised teaching.



Ensembles are largely student directed and dependent on interest from year to year. Many students create their own bands and chamber groups with guidance and support from music staff and the use of our school facilities.



Students are often assessed for Stage 2 Ensemble Performance within external groups such as: Adelaide Youth Orchestras, SA Schools Concert Band and the Elder Conservatorium Symphony Orchestra.



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