

Are you a student in year 7 to 11 with an interest in sustainability?

Do you want to make a difference and develop your leadership skills all while having heaps of fun?

# WHY NOT JOIN THE YOUTH ENVIRONMENT COUNCIL?

# What's involved?

- Share your passion for the environment and sustainability with other like-minded students across SA.
- Develop leadership, team building and public speaking skills at camps, workshops and forums.
- Take action for the environment and make a difference.
- Share your views and actions with Government.



Visit the website for all the details www.yecsa.net.au



The Youth Environment Council of South Australia was initiated by the Department for Environment and Water in partnership with the Department for Education in 1997. It is now proudly supported and delivered by Green Adelaide Education staff and Landscape South Australia Boards.

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## Who can apply?

#### To apply for the YEC, you must:

- be a student in year 7 to 11
- have signed permission from a parent/ guardian
- have signed endorsement from a teacher or staff member at your school who agrees to support you
- understand and agree to the Roles and Expectations of YEC Members.

## How much does it cost?

The YEC is free of charge and is proudly supported and funded by Green Adelaide and the Department for Education. Travel subsidies are available to students from regional areas.

# How do I apply?

Applications are open at the beginning of each year. You can register your interest to be sent further information once applications are open. Spaces are limited.

#### Roles and Expectations of YEC Members

As a member of the YEC, you will be expected to:

- be able to attend all events, including overnight camp and forums
- actively participate in discussions, activities and workshops throughout the year
- keep in contact through email and the online forum
- take environmental action in your school or community, with support from YEC staff and members
- be willing to represent your school and the state in a responsible manner. The same rules of respect and good behaviour that apply at school will apply at all YEC events.

## How do I find out more?

Visit our website for more details.

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# Typical program\*

#### TERM 1

#### Welcome Forum

A welcome to the Youth Environment Council and an opportunity for like-minded students across the state to meet, share, learn and be inspired about sustainability.

#### TERM 2

#### Two-night YEC Camp

- Join in fun team building exercises and activities to develop your leadership skills.
- Develop skills and knowledge on environmental and sustainability themes and ways to take action.
- Work with other like-minded students to research areas of interest and develop a plan of action for change in your school or community.

#### Online discussion forum

An opportunity to provide an update on your projects, troubleshoot ideas and share successes with the other council members.

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#### TERM 4

#### Sharing and Celebration Forum

Share and celebrate your sustainability and environmental achievements for the year, put your skills into practice and take some actions as a group!

\*This is a rough guide only; the program is subject to change each year.