

Parent and Student Information Guide to 2020 Voc Rocks- Inquiry-based Short Courses for Year 7-10 students Think Outside the Box!



- **Attendance is compulsory, unless your child has been granted an exemption approved by the principal of the College (the exemption does not apply to Years 7-9 students).**
- Students are expected to choose **2** short courses, which will run over 4 days, one in **Week 8** and one in **Week 9** (Nominations for these short courses will occur during **extended Care Group and lesson 1** for year 7 students on **Friday 20 November 2020**).
- **Year 7 students will participate in the Week 9 Voc Rocks short courses only.**
- Students will need to place their **preferences from 1 – 7** with 1 being their first choice, 2 being their second choice and so on for Week 8 and Week 9.
- Each activity has a description of what is required and the approximate cost of that activity.
- The College subsidises the activities to keep costs to a minimum so students need to choose carefully.
- The school days will be normal unless parents/carers are informed of an earlier start or later finish for a specific activity.
- Due to many activities requiring visiting venues outside of the College, **signed consent forms will be required**. Students without written consent will not be allowed to attend the excursions.
- Students will receive their final nominations for Week 8 and 9 short courses on **Friday 27 November during an assembly in the Gym during Lessons 4**.

If you require more information, please contact Mari Terreri at the College on 82612733

The following inquiry-based short courses are offered in Week 8 for Years 8- 10 students:

It's a Small World After All

Create an intricate diorama of your choice using a range of materials and your imagination. Create any scene from a car garage, to a Victorian bedroom, or a scene from your favourite book, film or comic. Join Google Classroom - [fobxrsa](#) to get a better idea of what you will be doing.

Box Guitar Making

Each student is asked to build a 3-string box guitar with a piezo pickup that can be used with a guitar amplifier.

Students will see finished examples from the teacher (with a brief demo and student participation in sampling a finished guitar), parts/materials that are needed to construct a guitar, plans for construction, tools for creating, carving and constructing, video footage supporting making and playing a box guitar and finishing including lacquer, paint, stickers and paper labels.

Candy Crush

'Do you like candy? If you pick this course, you will get to indulge your sweet tooth, craft your own delicious treats and visit some popular Adelaide candy locations. You will then CRUSH at Latitude to work off all the Candy you have eaten! End your year with a sugar rush, creating personalised gingerbread, and competing in a sweet challenge which tests your new knowledge, by packaging and presenting your treats to our judges. Treat yo'self!

'The Happy Place' Street Art @ Avenues

Join the paint party! We demand more colour, more harmony! We want YOU to come and join our paint party to beautify the school while having fun. Our group will activate the space in a positive way and make you famous in years to come. Relax and enjoy some creative thinking and painting in a relaxed yet exciting atmosphere. BYO good vibes and an eagerness to get your hands (and probably your clothes) dirty.

Unique Adelaide

Exploring and visiting various places, locations, buildings and landmarks to better understand and appreciate the city we all live in. Visits include: State library, Christies Walk (environmental housing), Belair National Park and Marion Aquatic Centre.

Sustainable Fishing Practices

We will be visiting various fishing locations around Metropolitan Adelaide and the Yorke Peninsula. We will be learning how to use fishing rods, crab nets and bait to catch various types of fish, crabs and squid that are available in the ocean. You can keep what you catch provided it is within legal limits.

Activate

Activate yourself with a train ride and trek about 10kms around Belair National Park, a hike up to Anstey's Hill, join in on a tour of Highercombe museum, Ayers House and the Treasury tunnels to see how the early colonists lived. To finish the program, we will cool off for a day in the Adelaide Aquatic Centre.

The following inquiry-based short courses are offered in Week 9 for Years 7- 10 students:

Science is Everywhere

Students will have an opportunity to explore how science and scientific knowledge can be useful in their everyday lives. Have fun with hands-on science experiences while learning about biodiversity, sustainability and ecosystem dynamics at the Adelaide Botanic Gardens and Adelaide Zoo, Paleontology and Earth Science at the Hallett Cove Geology Trail and school-based Physics and Chemistry experiments.

Artistic Jigsaw

Have you ever wondered how many resources it takes to make some of the things you use? What about where it goes once, you're finished with it? Do you think you've gotten enough use out of it to justify 'throwing it away?'

This week we will be taking a walk to the Salvos so that you can pick out a photo frame to use in creating some upcycled jigsaw puzzle art. Copy a style that has already done, or be super creative and make your own design.

Recreation & Leisure

Students will be exposed to some of the leisure and recreation activities Adelaide has to offer. The students will develop skills required for movement on a range of surfaces from ice, water and the racetrack. Throughout the week, students will be developing and strengthening relationships with peers as they work together in teams or challenge one another in competition. Excursions include: Aquatics - West Lakes, Frisbee Golf, Ice Arena, St Kilda playground, Kart mania at Gepps Cross.

Introduction to Golf

An introduction to Par 3 Golf. The course includes practice drills at the College, a driving range visit and playing golf at several Par 3 Golf courses. It is expected that students have some interest in playing and improving their golf. Rules and etiquette (course expectations) are a large part of the short course.

Amazing Race

A contest befitting of gods and heroes. A heart racing and complex race in small groups around the city of Adelaide. Throughout the race, you will be tested in more ways than one while seeing the very best of what Adelaide has to offer.

Fun with Photography

Students will enjoy a unique experience when they visit local parks to take photos and the ARC Campbelltown Community Leisure Hub for swimming and other pool activities. The activities will be both educational and fun. Students will learn some photography tips and tricks and if time permits, create unique 3D photo frames that can be used to make a Christmas gift for family, friends or a personal gift. There's plenty for students to learn and explore.

Mission to Mars

Students learn about Mars, design a mission to explore the planet, build and test model spacecraft and components, and engage in scientific exploration. Students learn about the planet, plan a mission, and design their spacecraft.