

## Enrichment and Extended Learning Opportunities in 2025

As a new year begins, there is so much to look forward to. Please contact Emma Rieger (Enrichment and Extended Learning Year 7 - 12) to learn more about these fabulous opportunities. This is just a SMALL sample of what will be available to students this year.

### Duke of Edinburgh's International Award

This internationally recognised youth program challenges individuals to achieve their own personal goals for various activities, across a specific timeframe. Students who choose to undertake this program can be recognised for activities they do outside of the classroom, can earn SACE points and can gain employability skills. Participants can commence this program when they are 14 years of age. More information can be found [here](#). Students can meet with Mrs Rieger in G68 during break times, to allow customise their goals or seek help. Alternatively, [email Mrs Rieger](#) to organise a meeting.

### CARE@CC

This is an extra-curricular lunchtime group to connect like-minded students in Years 10–12 who are interested in pursuing a career in medical-related fields. Highly motivated Year 9 students are also welcome to attend. The main goal of the group is to expose students to the “stories” of health. The idea is that by *listening to people telling their story*, they will gain greater empathy and respect as a future medical professional. We will invite members of our school community who work in medical-related professions to share their stories. Please make contact if you would be happy to spend a lunch with our students who are eager to learn. Students can register their interest [here](#). In 2025, we will meet fortnightly on rotating Monday and Friday lunch times.

### 26 Book Challenge

This is our sixth year running the 26 Book Challenge – an initiative to foster a love of reading. The challenge has been devised by members of our 2025 Book Council. Students from Years 7–12 can participate. They can visit the library circulation desk to sign up and collect their passport. The challenge runs throughout the academic year, encouraging reading across a diverse range of genres/authors. Students who participate in the activity are invited to a celebration at the end of the year and can win wonderful book-related prizes. [Contact Mrs Rieger](#) or [library staff](#) to learn more.

### Voice of Youth

Rostrum Voice of Youth is a national public speaking competition for school students in Years 7–12. It provides an excellent opportunity for entrants to gain experience and confidence in expressing their views and communicating a message. The competition celebrated 50 years in 2024.

Visit <https://www.rostrum.com.au/voy/voy-sa-nt/> for more details.

At every stage of the competition, contestants are required to present a prepared and a short notice speech. Please contact Emma Rieger as soon as possible if this competition is of interest.

### Brain Bee

We have a team of motivated Year 10 students who are busy preparing for a neuroscience competition to be held in March. The Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC) is a competition for high school students to learn about the brain and its functions, neuroscience research, to explore careers in neuroscience and to dispel misconceptions about neurological and mental illnesses. It is not too late to register interest for the competition. **See Mrs Rieger as soon as possible.**

### Oliphant Science Awards

Watch your emails for details on how to enter the 2025 Oliphant Science Awards. The Oliphant Science Awards is an annual competition for South Australian school students that aims to support, encourage and celebrate science education within South Australian schools. The competition includes a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests. More information will come soon.

### Youth Environment Council (YEC).

Are you a student in Year 7 to 11 with an interest in sustainability? Do you want to make a difference, develop your leadership skills and have fun at the same time? You might like to apply for the Youth Environment Council. You can share your passion for the environment with other like-minded students across SA. You will have the opportunity to attend workshops, camps and forums. Applications are due on **Thursday 27 February 2025**. See Mrs Rieger for more information or [visit the YEC website](#).

### What Matters? Writing Competition

*What Matters?* writing competition is currently open to school students in **Years 5 to 12** from Australia. Responding to the simple question 'what matters?', participants are free to express their views on any matter they care about. Part writing exercise, part civics and citizenship activity, *What Matters?* is the perfect opportunity to empower students to raise their voices on issues that are important to them and know that their perspectives are valuable, no matter their age, background or viewpoint. Entries can be fiction, non-fiction, poetry or prose of up to 600 words, and submitted online. **Entries close mid May 2025.** [Contact Mrs Rieger](#) if interested or [find our more online](#).

## Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize

Become the next generation of Dr Karl and Adam Spencer by telling a scientific story in this video competition for primary and secondary school students. Entries close **Friday 14 April 2025**. Sponsored by the University of Sydney, the Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize encourages students to communicate a scientific concept in a way that is accessible and entertaining to the public while painlessly increasing their science knowledge or, as prize patrons Dr Karl and Adam Spencer like to say, “*Learn something without even noticing.*” It is intended to support budding young scientists across the national, who will be our future leaders in research, discovery and communication. If you have a passion for science and for communicating ideas, then enter this competition by telling a scientific story via a short video piece. The theme for 2025 is “*above and below.*”

## STEM@CC

In 2025, we will be establishing STEM@CC. We will host special events for students who are interested in careers related to science, technology, engineering and maths. We will promote a range of competitions, career exploration and extension opportunities. Activities will be promoted via email and newsletter. If you would like to be added to a STEM@CC mailing list, add your details [here](#).

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Students are encouraged to check their emails regularly. Many opportunities are shared in this way. Also, there will be a regular section in our fortnightly newsletter entitled **Enrichment and extended learning news**.

Our aim in Enrichment and Extended Learning (Years 7-12) is to match a student’s passion and potential to opportunities. If you have any questions please contact [contact Mrs Emma Rieger](#). Alternatively, students can visit room G68 for a chat during break times.

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