

Enrichment and Extended Learning Opportunities in 2026

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 in the coming months.

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 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 9–12 who are interested in pursuing a career in medical-related fields. 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. Students can register their interest [here](#). In 2026, we will meet fortnightly on rotating **Monday and Friday lunch times**. Please make contact if you work in a health-related career and would be happy to spend lunch with our students who are eager to learn.

26 Book Challenge

This is our seventh year running the 26 Book Challenge – an initiative to foster a love of reading. The challenge has been devised by members of our 2026 Book Council. Students from Years 7–12 can participate. They can visit the library circulation desk to sign up and collect their reading record sheet. 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.

Students can visit www.englishatconcordia.weebly.com to learn about the wide range of extension opportunities available in 2026.

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.

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. Speech topics are now available for 2026.

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

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. Learn more about what is [involved](#).

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 Monday 23 February 2026. 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 15 May 2026.** [Contact Mrs Rieger](#) if interested or [find out more online](#).

Youth Parliament

Youth Parliament is a program run by young people for young people, it's an unmissable opportunity for students aged 15 - 25 to express their views on issues they are passionate about, develop confidence and leadership skills, and explore new opportunities in a safe and supportive environment. Participants take part in a two-day Training Weekend where they learn essential parliamentary and leadership skills to use during the six day Parliament Week in July. There is a cost involved but participants can receive assistance to seek external sponsorship for the fee. A residential week (Nunyarra Conference Centre and Parliament of South Australia) occurs 12–17 July 2026. Learn more [here](#). Applications close on 1 March 2026.

'Inklings' Writing Group

A group for students who love to write / would like to have their work published one day / would like to connect with a community of writers within our school AND beyond. See Mrs Rieger for more details.

Students are encouraged to check their emails regularly. Many opportunities are shared in this way. There will also be a regular section in our 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 Mrs Emma Rieger](#). Alternatively, students can visit room G68 for a chat during break times.

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