

YOUTH EDUCATION CENTRE

SCHOOL CONTEXT STATEMENT

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School number: 0195

School name: YOUTH EDUCATION CENTRE

1. General information

Part A

School name: : Youth Education Centre
Distance from GPO : 11 kms

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26 – 56 Goldsborough Road,
Cavan, 5094

AYTC - Jonal Drive
1 Jonal Drive,
Cavan, 5094

Flexicentre Kilburn
Montgomery Road,
Kilburn, 5084

Postal:

P.O. Box 88,
Pooraka, 5095

Part B

Principal

Greg Wirth

Deputy Principal

Danuta Earle

Senior Leader

Kristian Sodomka (Site Leader, Flexicentre)

Coordinators

Cherie Przedworski (Curriculum)

Rae Sinclair (Student Services and Pathways)

Matthew McCurry (Student Services and Pathways),

Mark Lovell (Daily Organization Jonal, Drive)

School website address; www.yec.sa.edu.au

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Staffing numbers

Goldsborough Road

Principal, Deputy Principal, Senior Leader, 2 Coordinators, 1 Administration Officer, 5 ancillary staff, 1 Aboriginal Community Education Officer, 1 Pastoral Care Worker, 10 teaching staff

Jonal Drive

3 teaching staff, 1 coordinator 0.5 ancillary staff

Flexicentre Kilburn

1 Coordinator, 4 teaching staff, 2.5 ancillary staff and 2 FLO case managers

Youth Education Centre (YEC) is a school that operates over three sites. These sites are:

- Goldsborough Road – this is within the Adelaide Youth Training Centre and caters for young male offenders aged 15 – 18 + years and who are serving detention orders or on remand under the direction of the Adelaide Youth Court. A maximum of 48 students attend the school on full time basis. The school is open 50 weeks of the year with an alternative education program provided during term breaks.
- Jonal Drive – this is part of the Adelaide Youth Training Centre and was previously the location of the Cavan Training Centre. YEC provides educational programs for 49 weeks each year, catering for younger males 10 – 14 years, females aged 10 – 18 + years and young people serving detention orders or on remand. A maximum of 18 attend the school on full time basis with a focus on Australian Curriculum/SACE.
- Flexicentre - was established to provide educational and vocational programs at a range of sites throughout the metropolitan and also rural and remote areas of South Australia. These programs cater for young people between the ages of 15 – 18 years of age at risk and/or have had experience with the Youth Justice system. They are:
 - General courses at the Flexicentre (three/four days per week)
 - Short and mobile courses to meet the vocational needs of the target group.
 - Building Links Programme for at risk youth on three days per week. This programme also provides a VET course for the local regional schools for three days per week.

ICAN Flexible Learning Options

In 2015, Flexicentre became an ICAN/FLO provider where students from students from across the metropolitan area are referred to Flexicentre as FLO supported learners. 24 of these students are engaged in SACE/VET subjects including Horticulture and Automotive as part of the general program. Up to another 6 are case managed off-site.

Characteristics of the student population include:

- Many have had experience with the Youth Justice system. In the Adelaide Youth Training Centre, these young people are on detention, remand or police custody orders.
- Students under the guardianship of the minister
- Ages 10 – 18 years old (some students may be older than 18 years if they are completing a detention order committed as a juvenile)
- High percentage of students with educational, social and emotional disabilities and disadvantages.

- 10 - 15% are female and located at the Jonal Drive site.
- A diverse mix of cultural backgrounds including about 40% Aboriginal students
- A considerable number of young people with drug dependency problems and/or high level of substance abuse
- Disconnection from mainstream education or chronic non-attendance with difficulty engaging in future pathways
- A high proportion of young people from dysfunctional family backgrounds which manifest abuse, poverty, neglect, abandonment and incarceration
- High levels of recidivism.