

Education programs for home-schooling families: Updated

The National Trust of South Australia offers home-schooling families a variety of interesting and imaginative programs in several exceptional places.

Find a program that best suits you then negotiate a day and time with the National Trust Education and Family Programming co-ordinator. We will set up a Try Booking link that will allow you to share the event without having to take bookings or handle money, (our programs cater to a minimum of ten paying participants).

Location	Program	Description
Ayers House Museum 288 North Terrace, Adelaide	Same and Different <i>Junior primary</i>	Play games, sing songs, and take notes as you investigate what is the same and what is different about Ayers House when compared with your own home. Make a peg doll to take home as a keepsake.
	Spit and Polish <i>Junior primary</i>	During their visit the children pretend they are at Ayers House to get employment as servants. The program is facilitated by a teacher who play the role of housekeeper. Activities include tray carrying, bell recognition and polishing the staircase. The children explore our hands-on Victorian kitchen, recite a nursery rhyme in the nursery and look at the guest rooms
	Mind your manners <i>Middle primary</i>	During their visit the students pretend they are newly arrived emigrants who are visiting Ayers House to meet the Ayers children. In the course of their visit they brush up on their etiquette, sing and guess riddles. They visit the rooms of the house that pertain to the upper class. They end their visit by writing to Sir Henry and Lady Anne explaining why they would make good playmates for their children.
	What the ceilings say <i>Mixed age</i>	Clues drawn from the Top Hat lead to ceilings on all three levels of the museum. Some are hand painted with gold, some are underground and one supports the weight of a 3000– piece chandelier. A fun introduction to a beautiful Victorian mansion. The tour also encourages participants to think in an interpretive way about what they see.
	Think and Ink Tour <i>Mixed age</i>	Give your children the chance to be immersed in a grand Victorian Home. A tour will help them understand some of the history of the house and the family who lived here. Conclude your experience with some writing using pen and ink.
	A Very Victorian Christmas <i>Mixed age</i>	Join us for some Victorian era Christmas merriment. Play Christmas parlour games sing carols and make a salt-dough decoration to take home. You may also like to dress up and have your photo taken by the Christmas tree. This program includes time for free exploration.
	Creative Writing somewhere inspiring <i>Secondary</i>	Ayers House is the perfect place for a writing. Enjoy being led through a series of writing exercises which respond to the home and some of its (many) contents. Offering students lots of entry points into creative writing this workshop is designed for people who dislike creative writing! In the course of the workshop you will never share your writing.
Stangate House and Garden 3 Edgeware Rd, Aldgate	Writing Nature <i>Secondary</i>	Stangate Garden is 4 acres of paradise. Come and enjoy a morning of nature writing that will enliven your senses to the living world. Be guided through writing exercises designed to enhance your observational skills and get your poetic juices flowing. Art and writing materials will be provided but of course you are welcome to bring your own. Please note in the course of the workshop you will not share your writing with others. Most of the workshop will be spent outside so please dress with that in mind.
	Young Kate <i>Middle Primary</i>	A storytelling and art based program that connects us to nature and music. This workshop encourages participants to consider what they hold most dear and what gives them inspiration. Participants will leave with a memento that have created.

Z-Ward Glenside 63 Conyngham St, Glenside SA 5065	Tour <i>Secondary</i>	The forbidding Z Ward was built in the late 19th century to house the criminally insane. During your time at the Z-Ward you will hear about its history and some of the building's unique features. Groups also have a chance to explore the site independently and take photos. Of the 60 minute experience 40 minutes are guided and twenty allotted for free exploration.
	Writing Z Ward <i>Secondary</i>	The Z-Ward (former asylum for the criminally insane) is a surprising and evocative place. This writing workshop focuses on writing place and writing character.

Duration: All sessions are 60- 90 minutes.

Session times: Sessions typically run from 10:00-11:30 though there is some flexibility with these times.

Bookings: All bookings are made through Try Booking. We do not accept walk-ins or cash on the day.

Cost: We charge \$8 per child for Ayers House based programs and \$10 for programs at the Z-Ward and Stangate House and Garden. We do not charge for children below 5 years of age. There is a 50c booking fee per paying ticket. We do not charge accompanying adults for most of our sessions, with the exception being secondary level creative writing sessions.

Session minimum and maximum: We ask for a minimum of 10 paying participants at each session with a maximum of 15-20.

Cancellation: Bookings close two days before the session. If the minimum number of places has not been filled a week before the scheduled session date, the session will be cancelled, and tickets will be refunded.

COVID: We respond to changing COVID related regulations. If these affect your booking we will gladly reschedule and or refund tickets.

How to book

1) **Find a program** that best suits you. Please see that these preferred dates align with the days the program is available. Ideally there will be a three week lead time, but if you have a group of 10 that is already interested in a given session time, this period can be reduced.

2) **Get in touch** and nominate dates that would suit you (and ideally others in your network).

3) We will set up a **Try Booking link** and share it with you, (our programs cater to a minimum of ten and maximum of 20 paying participants).

4) Book into the session and **share the booking link** with your network, after a week, if the session is not fully booked, we will share the link with other home school families.

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