

What kind of school is this?

A registered Charity was formed to establish several Collegiate Communities, holiday resorts based, Residential College campuses.

This private residential school, located in holiday resorts, has been formed as a registered educational charity by a group of teachers who recognize that **many young people in the age group 16-24yrs have not found success in the existing school system. Our program is designed to help this group.** We offer full-time residential living and learning, for young people interested in a future in tourism, hospitality, cookery, adventure recreation, and care services using existing commercial business properties. There is no separation in place of home and work. Students live a balanced life within a very supportive community without the need to travel between home and work.

In effect, our Community is a large family business where everyone is part of the business, and, as a collegiate family, we all help each other.

When and where is the 1st Community Campus opening?

Start 2022 @ the Apollon Motel in Victor Harbor. This is an existing commercial holiday resort business hosting our school, starting in February 2022. Other campuses will be opened in other holiday resort properties, especially along the Murray River as the college expands. All our campuses will be at existing holiday resorts, some with care services business as part of their operations.

Why the name Aerie College and who can enroll?

An Aerie is an eagle's nest. Eagles are magnificent birds who live and hunt for their food high above the other birds. They are selective hunters. They only take sufficient live food for their immediate needs. The Aerie is a nest built high away from danger, where the adult eagles look after their young. All our staff is like eagles, and our campuses are like aeries. All our staff are high flyers in their careers, taking only what they need for living and taking good care of their young.

Any "Good Person" can enroll. We know many young people have not found success among the common birds in normal high school, for many reasons. We can help them strengthen their wings for a strong and successful flight path outside of the common flock. Any person who would like to be like the eagle can join us, finding and flying high on a different path, taking only what they need from others, and caring for their family. We need to be sure you are a good person before we accept you into our collegiate family.

What will it cost to attend Aerie College Residential?

Rent or Own a safe place to sleep and call home. Investing in our Community LLtO is better than renting your bed.

Students or families can rent their student bed or purchase a license to occupy a bed. Renting is more expensive than owning the license over time. Beds in two share rooms are more expensive than in 4 share rooms. At the end of your stay with ANCOM, you can sell your LLtO bed to other incoming students. If you look after your bed and room well, you should be able to get all your LLtO investment back

Food and general living costs. (Think - - Many hands make light work. You do the work. A family does not pay others. You learn as you do.)

Bulk purchase savings make our general living costs within the limits of your youth and living-away-from-home allowance. Everyone helps with house chores, the preparation, and the service of food as part of your training. You will help in the operation of the resort business to reduce your living costs. Like a large family, we will all operate the large tourist resort and care services business. Your time helping can pay your fees. If you are not prepared to help with your time, you will be asked to pay for the time of other students to do your share of the work. This is all part of your business studies.

School fees will be similar to other non-government schools - We expect to advertise these on this website before the start in February 2022 Government grants will contribute to the costs of your basic schoolwork and teacher's salaries. The cost of learning in a Government classroom box is low compared with the cost of outdoor and real skills learning. We will keep the costs as low as possible in keeping with the best practical adventure skills learning. We encourage sponsorship and scholarships to assist worthy students.

You can earn while at college.

We will establish an employment agency in the college to assist our students to find some outside paid casual work. As you develop your skills, you can build your own business to take elsewhere. We will help you build your business.

You learn how to make money from providing high-quality services. This is what it is all about. Hospitality and care services are not just jobs, they are a way of life, if done well, you will be well rewarded, sometimes in money, just to feel good. **High-quality service is well paid.**

What will happen if I do not do what I am reasonably asked to do?

We are eagles. We all do what needs to be done. Every person has the right to set their flight path. If you do not like being an eagle then you have the right to leave us. You simply tell the principal that you are resigning from the eagle team. Good Luck. We hope you will not become a chicken or a turkey. They usually have a short

What is it like living and learning at Aerie College?

Learning time at Aerie College is "all the time". You will be learning to live a well-balanced life of work time, playtime, and sleep time as in a large family. (Roughly 8+8+8 hrs per day + a rest or time out day each week). The maintenance of an activity log, with photos of activities, is part of your regular tasks. Some normal living and study meeting tasks need to be done at certain fixed times. Other tasks are to be done in flexible time. Time is needed simply for enjoyment and pleasure and good sleep time is essential for good health. You learn about your circadian rhythm.

Time is very valuable. We do not waste it. You must keep your time management responsibilities punctual. A little early for every commitment is good. Even one minute late for a group event is bad.

There are no bells or sirens. Your day starts at sun up. Your sleep time starts about 8 hours before sunrise.

Can I get qualifications, like SACE, Certificates, Diploma or degree?

YES. Part of your work is planning your flight path and the things you will need to know and be able to do to find success on your journey. Pieces of paper, like the SACE, Certificates, Diploma or Degree are simply signs you can show to other people about your flight path. **You will know in yourself what your successes have been. That is the important thing.** You need to know what you are good at and can be confident in doing them. There is no limit to your flight path.

How long can I stay with the Aerie College Community?

As long as you want on need, we hope as a member for life.

On joining Aerie College you will be joining a Collegiate Community. You will meet and make good friends. You can remain a member of the Collegiate community for life. You can come in and leave when you want or need. Aerie Community will become your home base for support when and if you need it. Some colleges call this "alumni" meaning a common group of people who have been and remain part of a learning team.

We ask that you give your full-time commitment to your time with us. Work hard, play hard and sleep well. The student leaders of the community will let you know if you are not "Pulling your fair share".

The saying "Shape up or ship out" will apply at Aerie College. The "Coloured Card system" will let you know how your flight path is building in the eyes of the other students and teachers. Beware the Red Card.

You are free to leave our community at any time. We hope you will remain a sponsor member of our collegiate community. There will come a time when you will feel that you can give something back to the community to help other young people who are like what you were.

Is there a student uniform?

There is no uniform for the first 10 weeks incubation program. This is time for you to look at our community learning and living lifestyle. We look at you to consider your eagle potential (good person). Then you and the principal decide to "stay or leave".

YES - - - IF you survive the first 10 weeks of incubation and you graduate, you then have the right to wear a uniform. It sends a message. "This is not just me, we are all of us." Most strong teams wear a uniform to show that they are a formidable group. Think of sports teams. You will be part of a unique team, capable of great things. A smart uniform is a sign that you are more than a single person and your group can get good things done.

On Final graduation, you are presented with an Eagle Lapel Pin, which you can display with pride. This can stay with you for life. Yes, you will also receive some paper to hang on the wall.

My life is a big mess now. Can Aerie College help me?

YES. We welcome all potential eagles to try our lifestyle. No matter what your life is like now, you must be a potentially good person because you are still alive, so it can only get better. Our Collegiate community is very supportive. No matter what your problems are, our team can and will help you BUT you must also help yourself by "going with the flow". There is no value in fighting what we do to help you. You may not like it BUT just play the game with us, with your best abilities showing during your incubation time. Then we all win.

What about my baby?

Your baby or young child is welcome, assuming you aspire to be an Eagle parent. Eagle parents are incredibly good at getting things done. OK. The baby may have been a mistake but you must make the best of it. A baby can be one of the great joys of life or it can be a burden. It depends on your point of view. Your first 10 weeks of Aerie College incubation, with the baby on campus, will tell us if you will be able to become an Eagle Mother or Father. Being an eagle parent is not easy. Being two, happy together, can be fun. We can help you through the tough times. We recognize that some parents just do not care. If it is just you and baby, it will be a tough gig, but there will be plenty of uncles, aunties, and even Grandees around to help. We are a big family and family members all look after each other. You just have to show us who you are during the first 10 weeks. Then you chat with Principal Bouc about the "Stay" or "Leave" decision.

What is the deal if I get hot angry and cause trouble?

A display of hot uncontrolled anger is embarrassing. We all get angry sometimes. We must learn to control it. Hot uncontrolled anger is not good. Go outside. Take deep breaths. Calm down. Then come back in and talk. **Carry cold anger. Don't just let it go.** Keep it for when you can use it well. There must have been a good reason for your anger. Go back and talk it out when you have control of your fury. **Cold, controlled fury is powerful. Use it with care.** It is all part of learning and we are all together to help each other.

If you do not like what we do, you cause conflict with our people, or you get very hot angry, **you must talk** with each other **to resolve the conflict.** Words fly with the wind. Once said they fly away. Cold fury is usually well remembered but is gone with the wind and you are unable to read it to bring it back. **Do not write it down.**

If you want your messages to be remembered, we use E-cards. **Be careful what you write in emails.** Think before you write. Review before you send. **Perhaps it is better to talk after all.** Think about how to make your words as a sandwich if you decide to write it down.

Your Academy Masters must get a copy of all these emails so they can help solve problems before they get too bad. You should not ignore any e-cards that come to you. A response is always required. Resolving conflict is one of our learning tasks.

- A **green e-card GEC** = I think what you did or said was exceptional. **These are like diamonds.** Use them only in exceptional circumstances as overuse diminishes their value.
- A **yellow e-card YEC** = I did not like what you did or said. Remember, a copy goes to your academy Master and is on file as strike one. Be careful with these.
- **No.3 YEC = strike 3 = trouble.** We use a student peer managed "Court Hearing" like a "Law Court". A team of senior students serving as a jury will help resolve conflict if students cannot do it without help. You will learn about our system of resolving conflict early in your time with us. Like the calm before a storm, both AM & P wait and watch. It is possible students can resolve the matter either with a series of e-messages or face to face, without staff help.
- **If a disruption is really bad, a red e-card (REC)** is sent by the Academy Master (AM) or the Teacher (T) to the Principal (P) who will resolve the matter. The principal does not lose his temper and does not often show anger. Even then it is just a quick flash just to stop something. You will be welcomed to the meeting with him. He will help you talk through the reasons for your anger and loss of control.
- **The principal's decision will be "Stay with agreed terms, or leave".**