



Trinity College Equestrian

The Trinity College Equestrian Centre offers unique programs available to all students. With qualified instructors who deliver a recognised, industry standard course in both practical and theoretical aspects of Equine studies. The Trinity College Equestrian Centre also hosts the annual Interschool Gymkhana in Term 2 each year, that attracts competitors from schools around the state.

Horsemanship Program

The Horsemanship Program enables students aged eight years and over the opportunity to learn about the care, feeding, health and riding of a horse. The Horsemanship Program is certificate-based which enables students to appreciate their progress and celebrate the attainment of knowledge. The program operates in eight-week blocks, between 3.45pm and 5.30pm (depending on light) each weekday during term time.

Students are welcome to bring their own horse to program session however, the College currently owns five horses that may also be used by participating students. Additionally, the Horsemanship Program regularly hosts guest speakers on specialised horse care topics such as horse dentistry and hoof care, specialised disciplines such as carriage driving, vaulting and show jumping as well as offering career information in such fields as the Mounted Police.

Competition with Trinity Equestrian

Horsemanship Program students have the opportunity to compete in the annual Trinity College Interschool Gymkhana riding College horses. Students who own their own horse are encouraged to compete. Horsemanship Program students may also, on occasion, have the opportunity to compete in Open Shows.

Vocational Education & Training Qualifications

Students in Years 10 to 12 can train and be assessed in the EA modules of Riding and Horse Management, which can be used towards SACE points. These qualifications are required if riders are keen to train to become an EA Introductory Coach or in tertiary courses that require a knowledge of horse handling such as vet science.

Students in Years 11 and 12 also have the opportunity to study Certificate III Horse Performance or Certificate III Horse Racing. These qualifications provide pathways to numerous vocations in the horse industry. To be considered for Certificate III Horse Performance students must have completed the two EA modules as a prerequisite and have the enrolment endorsed by Equestrian Centre Manager Helen Barnes and VET Coordinator Claire Goble. To be considered for Certificate III Horse Racing students must discuss enrolment with Claire Goble and hold a stable hand licence with connections to a registered horse trainer in either harness or thoroughbred racing.

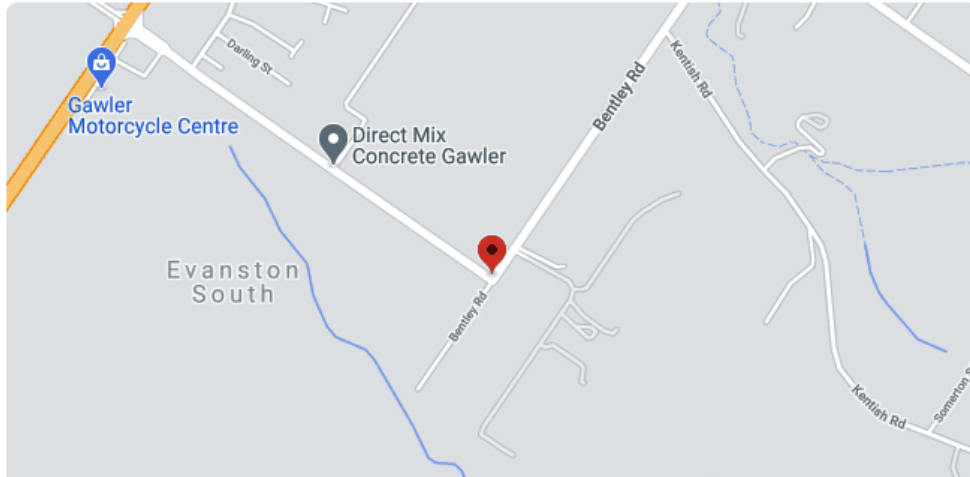
Volunteer Opportunities

Students are encouraged to volunteer at the Equestrian Centre one or two days a week. Volunteers assist young riders learn about horse care, riding, grooming, saddling and general care of horses. It is a requirement that volunteers have a sound equestrian knowledge base and/or have completed at least the first certificate in the Horsemanship course.

Location

The Trinity College Equestrian Centre is located at 142 Bentley Road Evanston South. Private lessons with College horses can be arranged for Trinity students with the Co-ordinator and Coach of the Equestrian Program Helen Barnes who is an Equestrian Australia (EA) Level 1 Dressage Coach, an ACDS Dressage Judge and EA Skills Specific Trainer and Assessor.

Agistment of horses owned by Trinity College students may be available, with preference given to students involved in the Horsemanship Program. For further information about possible availability and facilities, please contact Helen Barnes by phone on 0408 834 143.



For further information please email Helen Barnes (barenshe@trinity.sa.edu.au) or telephone 0408 834 143

For enrolments in Equestrian Programs, please email Leanne Tripa (tripale@trinity.sa.edu.au)

For further information about Vocational Education & Training, contact Claire Goble (goblecl@trinity.sa.edu.au)

Testimonials...

"Shanaya has been in the Trinity College Equestrian Program for almost three years. It has helped her a lot with understanding the horses, which she loves and has given her the ability to ride confidently. It has also helped her with understanding directions, judging space and shapes, memory, measurement, and mostly, the benefits of focusing, doing her best and persevering." – Craig Winning

"The Trinity College Equestrian Program has been invaluable to my son the last few years. The program has helped him become more confident and resilient and it has certainly fostered more College pride. He has learnt many new skills and has had the opportunity to volunteer and become a mentor within the program. Working and caring for the horses each week has helped to support his positive mental health and wellbeing and afforded him the opportunity to succeed in a non-academic environment. The affordability of the program is excellent considering the coaching level and opportunities available to all skill levels." – Debbie Edwards

"The Trinity College Equestrian Program was fantastic for Zoe! The program offered her the opportunity to further her studies and pursue her passion. The benefits were more than just educational. Helen's experience, support and guidance helped Zoe to fulfil her dream of working in the equine industry. She obtained her EA Introductory Riding and Horse Management Certificates and valuable experience. Zoe has gone on to study a Diploma of Equine Management and now works for Merrick's Station a leading thoroughbred breeding facility on the Mornington Peninsula." – Jackie Zekov

