

Self-Guided Visits at the Centre of Democracy

Frequently asked questions

How do I book?

Visit <https://educationbooking.history.sa.gov.au> and register with your email address. Click on 'Make a Booking' to choose the date of visit and input your school information. You will then be able to build a schedule for your day by selecting your desired sessions, or have the system suggest a schedule for you. When you are happy with your schedule, click 'book', and you will be directed to check out. Once your order has been placed, you will receive a confirmation email containing the details of your order and links to further program information and documentation.

For more detailed instructions on using the online booking system, please see [Education Bookings: Booking Guide](#).

If you are booking with less than 14 days notice, please email our team at schools@centredemocracy.sa.gov.au to discuss availability.

How many students can attend?

We recommend a maximum group size of 20 at a time, allowing approximately 30 minutes in the gallery.

What are the opening hours?

The Centre of Democracy is open from 10am to 5pm.

What is the cost to attend?

The Centre of Democracy is free of charge, but we do ask that school groups book in advance via our [online booking platform](#).

What are the supervision ratios for an excursion?

The SA government's [Camps and Excursions Procedure](#) requires that the following minimum adult-to-child and young person ratios be adhered to:

- 1:6 for preschool to year 2
- 1:10 for years 3 to 6
- 1:15 for years 7 to 12

What is your cancellation policy?

If you wish to cancel or amend your booking, please contact the History Trust of South Australia at schools@centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au or on (08) 8151 3200.

Is the Centre of Democracy accessible for everyone?

The gallery can be accessed by a ramp and has a wheelchair accessible bathroom.

Is the Centre of Democracy accessible by public transport?

The Centre of Democracy is a 10-minute walk from the Adelaide railway station, up a slight incline. Alternatively, you can take the free tram to the Art Gallery tram stop, which sits directly in front of the Centre of Democracy.

Is there parking available?

Buses can use the loading zone on Kintore Avenue to pick up and drop off students. For parking, there is metred street parking on Kintore avenue and Victoria Drive.

What should we do if we're running late?

Please contact the History Trust of South Australia on (08) 8151 3200 as soon as possible.

Do you have bag storage?

We do not offer secure bag storage.

Where can we eat morning tea and lunch?

Food and drink are not permitted in any part of the museum. Suggested areas for gathering and eating are the area outside the Institute building on North Terrace, which has benches, and the grassed area outside the South Australian Museum.

What are the rules and expectations for student behaviour inside the museum?

We want students to enjoy their visit, interacting appropriately with both exhibits and each other. Please ensure that students respect the shared space by using quiet

voices, walking safely, staying with their group and following the instructions of their supervising adults. Objects on display should not be touched unless there is signage or a staff member permitting you to do so.

Do you have an emergency management plan?

In case of an emergency, please exit the building and assemble in front of the National War Memorial on the corner of North Terrace and Kintore Avenue.

Is the gallery staffed?

The gallery is unstaffed, but security guards from the State Library of South Australia move through the space regularly. If you have any issues, you can ring the History Trust of South Australia on (08) 8151 3200 or speak to the State Library staff at their information desk in the main building.

Are there resources we can use during our visit?

We have developed a learning guide with activities for use before, during and after your visit. You can access it at <https://education.history.sa.gov.au/experience/self-guided-visit-to-the-centre-of-democracy/>

Can you suggest any additional activities in the area?

- Parliament House
- South Australian Museum
- Art Gallery of South Australia
- State Library of South Australia
- Local memorials and monuments, such as the Vietnamese Boat People Monument, National War Memorial, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander War Memorial, Pioneer Women's Memorial Garden, Anzac Centenary Memorial Walk
- Jubilee 150 Walkway
- Botanic Gardens

How can I share feedback on our experience?

You will be emailed after your visit with a link to a survey in which you can submit feedback on your experience. If you have a specific concern you would like to raise, please contact us at schools@centreofdemocracy.sa.gov.au.