

# ANIMAL CONNECTION

Do you stop to greet every dog you see? Feel you've gotta point out cows when you're driving in the country? Do you go to a party and find yourself instantly befriending the host's pet? There are reasons we connect with animals, often more easily than with other people. You'll regularly head to the Fleurieu Peninsula to meet farm and native animals, exploring the social, emotional, and physical wellbeing benefits of human-animal bonds. Back in the city, you'll turn those encounters into creative responses and share your story with our community.

Term 1

Theme: Healthy Futures





### What You'll Be Doing:

- **Meet & Connect:** Regular visits throughout the project to the beautiful Fleurieu Peninsula (60min south of Adelaide), where you'll interact with alpacas, cows, horses, sheep, goats, kangaroos, and more.
- **Learn from Experts:** Engage with conservationists, farmers, and animal care professionals to understand husbandry, therapy, and environmental practices.
- **Create & Reflect:** Dedicate another day each week at Youth Inc. City, reflecting and transforming your experiences into creative responses – photography, film, writing, art, podcasting, or more!

### What You'll Gain:

- **Wellbeing Insights:** Discover the mental, emotional, and social benefits of connecting with animals in nature.
- **Practical Skills:** Develop capabilities in animal handling, care, routine and responsibility, and creative expression across various mediums.
- **Shared Purpose:** Strengthen teamwork and event-planning skills while building social capabilities through shared interests.

### What We'll Create:

- **Creative Exhibitions:** Showcase your creative works in two exhibitions – one at Myponga Hall and one at Youth Inc. City.

