

Charter Ambassador Program (2023) - Transcript

A short video about the Charter Ambassador Program and what is involved (*including footage of children and young people taking part in events regarding the Charter for Children and Young People and the Charter Ambassador Program*).

Text:

Charter Ambassador Program (*including background music*)

Becky Hirst talks about the Charter Ambassador Program:

'South Australia's Charter for Children and Young People is a list of 20 things that children and young people should have to be safe, happy and well, no matter who they are or where they're from. In 2019, hundreds of children and young people helped shape the Charter by sharing what was important to them. They shared things like; having a good home life; being listened to; and being respected and valued. In 2021, the Charter was officially launched.

One of the great things about the Charter for Children and Young People is that it's protected by law. Adults **must** pay attention to it.

The Charter Ambassador Program seeks to give life to the Charter for Children and Young People. The program has been set up to enable South Australia's youngest citizens to own the Charter, inspiring and empowering them to advocate for **all** children and young people across the state. The program is the first and only program of its kind in Australia.

Through the program, students develop a better understanding of their place in society and the role children and young people can play in shaping the future. The program grows students' sense of connectedness with their community, their peers, and themselves.

The Charter Ambassador Program is aligned with the school curriculum in terms of student voice. Themes include; decision making and change; citizenship and influence; and leadership and advocacy. The program exists to inspire and empower the Charter Ambassadors to be advocates, and leaders, for all children and young people in South Australia; for them to develop an understanding of citizenship, privileges, responsibilities; and to foster their sense of belonging within society and their own communities.

Primary and secondary school students from all school sectors in South Australia can apply to become Charter Ambassadors. If your school is interested in getting involved in the program, the Child Development Council is waiting to hear from you.'

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Get in touch with the Council (*including background music*)
<https://childrensa.sa.gov.au/charter-ambassador-program/get-in-touch/>

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