

Curious Minds - girls in STEM

The program is an amazing opportunity to...

- + Make friends & connect with people who love STEM
- + Be mentored & inspired by STEM experts
- + Explore interests in STEM & find new ones
- + Feel more confident in abilities & skills
- + Start building a future in STEM



Curious Minds empowers girls in Year 8 or 9 in 2025, who are passionate, high performers in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) to explore their full potential. **Through an eight-month hands-on extension and mentoring program, students will:**

Be matched with a STEM Coach for mentoring

Attend Summer Camp in Canberra or Adelaide

Join online Connect catch up sessions

Engage in a STEM Exploration

Unite for the online Winter Camp in July

Students will need to...

- + Be highly capable & hard-working
- + Be curious & have a love of learning
- + Be willing to engage & develop confidence
- + Be mature & capable of living away from home
- + Demonstrate potential in one or more STEM subjects, including biology, chemistry, computer science/programming, Earth science, engineering, maths or physics



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Minds**
2025-26 Program

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Information for Students, Teachers and Families

Selection Criteria

Curious Minds is open to young Australian women who



- Are in Year 8 or 9 in 2025, and enrolled in an Australian school in the program period.
- Attend a school with an ICSEA value of less than 1000 and/or resides in a rural, regional or remote area of Australia and/or identifies as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander.
- Have demonstrated potential in one or more scientific subjects, including biology, chemistry, computer science/programming, Earth science, engineering, mathematics or physics.
- Are able to commit to full participation in the program, including a 6-day residential camp in December, a virtual camp in July the following year, and the STEM coaching program.
- Are highly capable, hard-working and apply themselves.
- Are curious – they have a love of learning.
- Are an Australian Citizen or permanent resident.

Attendance is by invitation and only 120 places are available Australia-wide.

Cost - \$200

We arrange and pay for all your travel, meals and accommodation, as well as teaching materials, excursions, lab tours and a party! **If the cost means you can't come, tell us. We can help.**

Dates & Locations

Summer Camps – in person, residential camps

Canberra 'East Camp' (for students from ACT, NSW, VIC, TAS): 1 – 6 December 2025

Adelaide 'West Camp' (for students from SA, WA, NT, QLD): 8 – 13 December 2025

Winter camp – held online

Virtual Camp (for all participants): 6 – 10 July 2026



Registration Steps

- + **Teachers:** Give this flyer to the ONE student who you know will thrive in the program.
- + **Students:** Discuss this with your support people (teacher, family, past Curious Minds participant) and check out our website for more info. Complete the online registration form, link below.
- + **Then:** We email your teacher asking them to complete an online reference for you. We review all the info, send you an official acceptance by email, and start looking for a great STEM Coach to match you with.
- + **Note:** Time is your only competition as we will fill places on a first-come, first-served, basis. We will not compare you against another person and pick 'the best one'... if your info checks out, you're in!

Got questions?

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