

# Year 10 AFL Umpiring

## AFL Review Centre Tour

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As part of the Year 10 AFL umpiring program, we caught a bus out to the ARC (AFL Review Centre) at Marvel Stadium. Once we arrived, we were given an overall talk about the importance of the ARC and how the staff manage to keep everything running smoothly over the weekend's footy.

First up was the virtual reality headsets that are used by all AFL umpires to help sharpen their skills and decision making around the ground. After we had spent 20 minutes of getting a feel for what it is actually like to be on the ground and how difficult it really is to make the right decision within a split second, we moved on to the Match review officer (MRO) who is in charge of giving out fines or suspensions depending on what the action was. We then went to the score-review booth where we were shown how the score-review process works and got to reenact a score review from the weekend's match.

Many boys described the experience inside the ARC as fascinating and technologically advanced compared to what they are used to at home or at school. It was interesting to learn that nearly every game around Australia is controlled in that one room underneath Marvel Stadium. All the boys had such an amazing experience that would not have been able to happen without the thanks of Mr Edwards and Mr Jones who help run this service each week.

