



EXCURSION INFORMATION BOOKLET RURAL DISCOVERY DAYS

Brisbane Showgrounds - Home of the Ekka



PREP TO GRADE 6

DOCUMENT INFORMATION

The following excursion information booklet has been developed to assist educators in completing school excursion consent forms and risk assessments. This document provides details regarding the proposed activities, teacher/educator supervision, transport, dress code, medical and personal information and excursion costs.

If you have any further questions, please feel free to reach out to the contacts below, and we will be happy to assist you.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Rural Discovery Day Enquiries

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Education Content Enquiries

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Ekka School & Group Bookings Enquiries

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EXCURSION DETAILS

Dates: Monday 19 - Friday 23 May 2025

Arrival: 9am - 9:30am

Departure: 2pm

Location: Building 8 / Alexandria Park - Alexandria Lane, Brisbane Showgrounds

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

Rural Discovery Day includes six immersive agricultural activities linked to curriculum with classroom resources, with sessions encompassing Sheep Interaction, Scarecrow Making, Dairy - Milking and Cream Production, Grain - Harvest to Home, Worms plus Composting and Water Conservation and Farming.

SHEEP INTERACTION SESSION

Students will engage with live sheep, learning about their role in sustainable farming, animal care, and how they contribute to food production.

SCARECROW MAKING SESSION

Students will work together to build scarecrows, exploring their role in keeping crops safe, understanding traditional and modern farming practices, and using teamwork to bring their ideas to life.

DAIRY - MILKING & CREAM PRODUCTION SESSION

Students will discover the dairy farming processes, including milking cows and making cream. This activity provides connection between dairy farming and food production through hands-on-learning.

GRAIN - HARVEST TO HOME SESSION

Students will participate in the harvest to home journey from grain to flour production, including milling grain into flour, and learning about the role grains play in nutrition.

WORM - COMPOSTING SESSION

Students will explore how composting with worms helps improve soil health and contributes to sustainable farming. They'll learn practical steps for composting at home or in the school garden.

WATER CONSERVATION - FARMING SESSION

Students will explore water conservation techniques essential for farming, sustainable practices and the importance of food sources.



RURAL DISCOVERY DAY SNEAK PEEK

Come with us on an exciting ag-venture! Our Ekka TV from the 2024 Rural Discovery Day showcases the amazing, sensory opportunities for students at this excursion.



RISK ASSESSMENT

Rural Discovery Day can be recognised as a medium to low risk location as exhibited animals are under supervision by trained professionals. Students will also be in contact with hay, soil and potting mix. The sheep interaction session limits potential environmental hazards such as animal bites and biological risks as they are domesticated animals that are comfortable with handling and interaction. In accordance with Queensland Health directives around animal contact and biosecurity, hand washing and hand sanitising facilities are provided and encouraged to be used throughout the day.

For further information on risk assessments, please refer to the CARA guidelines from Education Queensland: [Animal Observation and Handling Guidelines](#)



SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS

Each activity session is designed for 25-30 students per group and we recommend that at least one teacher supervises each group of students. The Ekka Education Department coordinate the allocation of groups, and, we always aim to ensure that school groups stay together where possible. Additional teachers are welcome, and the student/teacher ratio can be confirmed upon booking. There will be at least one Ekka staff member supervising each activity session as well as the educators providing the activities.

While there are no specific educator-to-child ratios for excursions, the National Regulations require that minimum supervision needs are considered with respect to the age of the students and type of activity involved. If the activity conducted away from schools may increase risks, then the standard of care required must therefore reflect the increase in identified risks, causing the required ratios to be higher than the minimum. Please refer to the [Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority Policy](#) for further guidelines.

MEDICAL & PERSONAL INFORMATION

Additional requirements and support for students with medical or access needs can be provided as needed through discussions with Ekka staff. The hands-on day involves interactions with soil, grains and farm animals so any students with allergies or asthma are encouraged to bring their required medication. Students should also be aware of any food allergies and ensure they are not consuming anything that could harm them. In accordance with Queensland Health directives around animal contact and biosecurity, hand washing and hand sanitising facilities will be provided.

Rural Discovery Day will have a paramedic onsite in the unlikely event of an emergency.



TRANSPORT

Schools are required to organise their own transport. Buses will be able to drop off students along Alexandria Lane located next to the Building 8 and Alexandria Park area, where the excursion will be held.

Vehicles will be able to park onsite for the duration of the day with more details to be provided upon booking.

Map: <https://www.brisbaneshowgrounds.com.au/visitors/map/>



DRESS CODE & PRECAUTIONS

School or sports uniforms are recommended, as students should feel comfortable moving and participating in each activity. The sessions will involve interactions with animals, plants, and more, so teachers should be aware that clothing may get dirty. Hats and sunscreen are required. Students should bring their own lunch and water for the designated break times. Water refills will be available at the event. Please note: there are no refrigeration facilities.



EXCURSION COSTS

Rural Discovery Day is \$17.90 per student. Entry for teachers/carers is free of charge.

The Ekka is not liable to give a refund or exchange the Ticket for cancellation of any reason. Once numbers have been confirmed and payment is received, no changes can be made to a booking.

For more information please contact our Event Planner Brendan Alexander at balexander@royalqueenslandshow.com.au

Don't miss out! Complete your Expression of Interest today via <https://www.ekka.com.au/education/rural-discovery-day/overview/>
Expressions of Interest Close on Friday 31 January at 3pm.



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EDUCATION

INTERNATIONAL AWARD WINNERS

The Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) is recognised for its excellence, over many years, by winning numerous awards at the International Fairs & Expos (IAFE) Awards.

IAFE has more than 1,000 members representing agricultural fairs from the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia.

These awards represent the continued dedication the Ekka plays in bridging the country city divide, and educating the next generation on the essential role farming and agriculture plays in their everyday lives.



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