

Ekka

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

INFORMATION BOOKLET

EKKA EXCURSION



All Years Welcome

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DOCUMENT INFORMATION

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

If you have any further questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the following contacts and we will be happy to assist you in any way we can.

EXCURSION DETAILS

Event: Ekka Excursion

Dates: Saturday 8 – Sunday 16 August 2026

Location: Brisbane Showgrounds - 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills



IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Ekka School & Group Bookings

groupbookings@ekka.com.au

Education Content Enquiries

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PROPOSED LEARNING TRAIL ACTIVITY

The Ekka Learning Trail is a self-guided excursion activity designed to engage students with hands-on learning at the Ekka. Each student receives a 'passport booklet' and is encouraged to explore the Ag Education Hall and surrounding grounds, collecting stamps at various trail points. Along the way, they discover a range of agricultural topics through sensory and interactive experiences—from farming practices to animal lifecycles and behaviours.

To support the experience, the Ekka Learning Trail is accompanied by classroom resources, including pre- and post-visit materials that align with each trail point and learning activity.

TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES

While Ekka staff support the delivery of activities, **teachers remain responsible for student supervision at all times.**

To help ensure each school group's experience at Ekka is safe, well-organised, and engaging, we kindly ask teachers to:

- **Accompany their group** when moving between activity stations and support smooth transitions.
- **Monitor and support student behaviour and engagement** throughout all activity sessions.
- **Float between split groups**, if required, to maintain appropriate supervision.
- **Supervise students during recess and lunch breaks**, ensuring safety and appropriate conduct.

DRESS CODE & PRECAUTIONS

- **Uniform:** School or sports uniform recommended.
- **Footwear:** Closed-in shoes only.
- **Sun Safety:** Hats and sunscreen are required.
- **Water Refill Stations:** Available at venue.
- **Valuables:** Students are discouraged from bringing unnecessary items. The Ekka takes no responsibility for lost property.



RISK ASSESSMENT

Ekka is considered a **medium to low risk excursion**. Key risk controls include:

- **Animal Interaction:** All animals are supervised by handlers. Animals used are domesticated and comfortable with interaction.
- **Environmental Exposure:** Handwashing facilities are provided.
- **Biosecurity:** In line with Queensland Health directives, hand washing and sanitising is mandatory before and after animal contact.
- **Medical Emergencies:** Paramedics are onsite throughout Show.
- **Allergy Management:** Activities may involve grains, hay, egg, soil, and animal allergens. Ensure students carry medication and avoid relevant triggers.

For school-based risk assessment templates, please refer to the CARA guidelines from Education Queensland: [Animal Observation and Handling Guidelines](#)



SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS

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

- Students with asthma, allergies, or other medical conditions must bring their medication (e.g. inhalers, EpiPens).
- Medical Action Plans should be shared with supervising teachers in advance.
- The excursion may include hands-on interactions with farm animals (e.g. sheep, goats, chickens, donkeys, horses and cows), as well as contact with grains, hay, eggs, soil and other materials - please assess students' suitability before attending.
- Students with allergies or asthma should take extra care and ensure they are prepared for exposure risks.
- Food allergies: Students must not share food and should only consume food packed by their parent/guardian, avoiding anything that may cause a reaction.
- A paramedic will be onsite to provide emergency medical support, and first aid services will be available.
- Hand washing and hand sanitising facilities will be provided.
- All activities will follow Queensland Health guidelines regarding animal contact and biosecurity.



TRANSPORT

Schools are required to organise their own transport. Schools are required to coordinate and organise their own transport arrangements. This drop off zone will be confirmed upon booking along with the bus parking requirements.

Public transport is one of the easiest and most efficient ways of getting to Show. Plan your trip with [Translink's Journey Planner](#).



EXCURSIONS COSTS

Presale Exclusive - Wed, 27 May @ 12pm - Fri, 26 June @ 11.59am

Student: \$22.95 | Teacher: \$29.95

For every 5 students, 1 free teacher is entitled to attend.

Regular Price - Fri, 26 June @ 12.00pm - Fri, 24 July @ 4pm

Student: \$29.95 | Teacher: \$36.95

For every 5 students, 1 free teacher is entitled to attend.

Payment MUST be in by deadline to secure the respective rates.

The RNA 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 Ekka School & Group Bookings team at groupbookings@ekka.com.au.



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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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