

Ekka

EDUCATION

EXCURSION INFORMATION BOOKLET

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW - EKKA

*Saturday 10 - Sunday 18 August, 2024
Brisbane Showgrounds*



ALL GRADES WELCOME



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.

IMPORTANT CONTACTS

Competition Enquiries

entries@rna.org.au

Education Content Enquiries

education@ekka.com.au

Ekka School & Group Bookings Enquiries

groupbookings@ekka.com.au

EXCURSION DETAILS

Saturday 10th to Sunday 18th August, 2024

Encouraged Arrival: 9:00am-9:30am

Likely Departure: 2:00pm

Location: Brisbane Showgrounds - 600 Gregory Terrace, Bowen Hills

PROPOSED LEARNING TRAIL ACTIVITY

The Ekka Learning Trail is our self-guided Ekka Excursion activity that provides students with their own 'passport booklet' and encourages them to journey around the grounds to collect stamps from each of the learning trail points. It offers engaging learning opportunities at Ekka about a variety of agricultural topics and educates students about everything from farming to animal lifecycles and behaviours. An Ekka Excursion provides a sensory, hands-on experience for students such as interacting with and feeding goats, sheep and more in the animal nursery, cradling baby chicks, milking dairy cows and becoming a little backyard farmer.

The Ekka Learning Trail is accompanied by additional classroom resources that relate to each trail point and learning trail activity such as our pre and post-Ekka excursion resources.

For further information on risk assessments, please refer to the Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment (CARA) guidelines from Education Queensland:

<https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/stages-of-schooling/CARA/activity-guidelines/animal-observation-handling>

SUPERVISION ARRANGEMENTS

Each excursion group must provide their own teacher/guardian supervision requirements and 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. The student/educator ratio can be confirmed upon booking. Please refer to the Australian Children's Education & Care Quality Authority policy for further guidelines:

<https://www.acecqa.gov.au/sites/default/files/2021-08/ExcursionsPolicyGuidelines.pdf>



TRANSPORT

Schools are required to coordinate and organise their own transport arrangements. Buses will likely be able to drop off students along O'Connell Terrace and pick up at the same location. The closest entry point for school groups will then be at Gate 5 which is also located along O'Connell Terrace. 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 [here](#). In regard to public transport, the Queensland Government has recently announced that there will be a flat fare of 50 cent train rides from 5th August 2024.

DRESS CODE & PRECAUTIONS

School/sports uniforms or free-dress (for non-uniform schools) is appropriate, as students should feel comfortable to move around and be involved in each of the learning trail points. The activations at Ekka involve interactions with many animals, plants, etc. so teachers should be aware that clothing may get dirty. Hats and sunscreen are required. Students should bring their lunch and water for the dedicated break times. Please note: there are no refrigeration facilities.

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 Ekka excursion involves interactions with farm animals such as sheep, goats, chickens, donkeys, horses and cows 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 that 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.




EXCURSION COSTS

The Ekka Excursion cost is \$18 per student. For every 5 students, 1 free teacher is entitled. For any additional teachers, it's \$22 each.

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.

TALENT RELEASE FORMS

The Ekka have provided 'Talent Release Forms' for students and adults to enable us to capture the wonderful memories of your school at the Ekka. Please send these forms home with students for parental/carer permission. Please provide the scans of the completed forms in an email to ekka@education.com.au as soon as possible, so that we can ensure we respect students' privacy.



STUDENT TALENT RELEASE FORM

Dear parents/carers,

Throughout the Ekka, photographers and videographers will be taking photographs and videos of students (that have permission).

Please indicate below whether you consent for your child to be photographed/videoed.

Yes
 No


*Terms:
RNA owns all rights to any photography, recording, or filming. I consent to RNA using these materials of my child's appearance for promotional purposes without compensation and waive all related personal rights and claims. Their images may be stored or processed overseas.*

Child's name _____

Parent/carers' name _____

Parent/carers' signature _____

Date _____





ADULT TALENT RELEASE FORM

Dear teachers/parent volunteers etc.,

Throughout the Ekka, photographers and videographers will be taking photographs and videos of students and adults (that have permission).

Please indicate below whether you consent to be photographed/videoed.

Yes
 No

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RNA owns all rights to any photography, recording, or filming. I consent to RNA using these materials of my child's appearance for promotional purposes without compensation and waive all related personal rights and claims. Their images may be stored or processed overseas.*

Adult's name _____

Adult's signature _____

Date _____



Access these forms here: <https://www.ekka.com.au/education/ekka-excursion/>



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