

Information for Teachers and students

Excursion-Down on the Farm

‘Down on the Farm’

Looking at the interrelated components (animals and plants) and products of a farm.

Itinerary

Time	Activity
10:00am	Arrival and welcome by Friendly Calmsley Hill Tour Guide followed by recess in your allocated area.
10:30am	<p>‘Down on the Farm’ Tour led by our trained guides The content of this tour focuses on information about farm and native animals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Information about farm animals and plant growth and life cycles • What is produced on a farm and how • The needs of animals and plants and how they are met • How farm animals and plants provide for people’s needs <p>Includes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sensory exploration in the permaculture garden with discussion of plants grown for food • Farmyard nursery petting • Cow milking • Tractor Ride (optional at extra cost)
12:00 noon	Lunch and free time in the playground area
12:30pm	Stockwhip demonstration
1:00pm	Working dog Show
1:30pm	Sheep Shearing show and talk (covers changes in technology over time)
2:00pm	Koala Talk OR Departure depending on time restrictions

Learning Objectives

This tour is designed to meet outcomes in the Human Society and Its Environment (NSW BoS1998) and Science and Technology (NSW BoS 2006) strands as follows:

- Environments (HSIE)
- Resource systems (HSIE)
- Built environments (S&T)
- Living things (S&T)
- Products and Services (S&T)
- Investigating (S&T)

Visiting students will have the opportunity to:

- Observe ways in which living things are different and have different needs
- See how plants and animals grow and change
- Understand the purposes of various areas of the farm
- Learn how animal habitats are built to suit the needs of their inhabitants.
- Meet a range of common and not so common farm animals close up.
- Hear and use farm yard terminology in context, including animal names, gender and offspring variations.
- Recognise the source of products: milk a cow, watch the sheep shearing demonstration
- Gather information about the relationships between people and environments
- Discover how farms meet needs of people
- Learn about and observe stages in lifecycles
- Discover sights, sounds, smells, and textures of the farm. Observe using all the senses.
- Ask questions.

General information for Infants Tours:

Guides are provided for groups of approximately 25 students.

An optional tractor ride can be pre-booked at the time you confirm your tour details with us, at a cost of \$2.00 per person.

Although Calmsley Hill City Farm does have a first-aid station located in the reception area, it is advisable for teachers to bring their own first-aid kit. In the unlikely event that a member of your group is involved in an accident, please inform a member of staff as soon as possible.

All students will need:

- Nametag (templates of nametags have been included here for you to copy for your class, or make your own. Sticky labels are also fine). This will make it much easier for our tour guides to use the students' name
- Hat & sunscreen
- Sensible walking shoes. (Must be enclosed - no thongs or sandals)
- comfortable clothing (School uniform is sufficient, jumper & warm clothing in the winter months)
- Water bottle (there are taps to re-fill water bottles)
- Something to eat for morning tea & lunch (it is possible to pre-order lunches in the morning from our café, please contact us if you would like more information regarding this)
- You will be visiting a working farm with animals, lucerne, straw, hay etc and you need to be aware that some people may have an allergic reaction to some of the animals or plants in the area so students and staff may need access to their medication (for asthmatics and others with sensitive skin or allergic conditions)
- Insect repellent in summer months
- Some pocket money is optional. Lunches can be purchased at the City Farm, but we would prefer these to be pre-ordered when you arrive. Souvenirs are available at Reception for as little as \$2.00.