Information for Teachers and students

**Excursion – Early Stage 1**

*Explore how living things have different features and basic needs which can be met. Learn that plants and animals can be used for food and clothing.*

**Itinerary**

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| Time | Activity |
| 9.30am | Arrival and welcome by Friendly Calmsley Hill Tour Guide followed by recess in your allocated area. |
| 10.10am | Tour led by our trained guidesThe content of this tour focuses on information about farm and native animals:* Information about farm animals, 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

Includes* Sensory exploration in the permaculture garden with discussion of plants grown for food
* Farmyard nursery petting
* Cow milking
* Tractor Ride (optional at extra cost)
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| 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  |
| 2:00pm | Koala Talk OR Departure depending on time restrictions |

**Learning Objectives**

Our guided school tours are designed to meet the following outcomes from the **Living World** strand in the **NSW Science and Technology Syllabus 2017**, produced by NSW Education Standards Authority:

* *STe-3LW-ST:* explore the characteristics, needs and uses of living things
* *ACSIS012:* share ideas and observations based on guided investigations
* *ACTDEK003:* recognise that plants and animals can be used as food, or materials (fibres) for clothing and shelter
* *ACSSU002:* recognise that living things have basic needs including air, food and water

**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 $2.50 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.