



Educational School Excursion for 2017

Farm Excursion

Years K-3

Kiara College has a fully functioning farm where our experienced farmers provide an educational guided tour that is hands on and action packed.

We cater for the needs of individual groups. Many pre primary and primary teachers return year after year as a testimony to the great educational experience we provide. At the end of the tour you are most welcome to stay for lunch in our Food & Fibre Education facility.

LINKS TO AUSTRALIAN CURRICULUM

Design & Technologies – food & fibre, sustainability, management, farm systems Science – environment, life cycles, living things, investigation skills, food chains & webs. # Additional teaching resources are available to supplement the hands on excursion experience.

EXCURSION POLICY

We are covered by Risk Cover which provides Public Liability cover for both students and teachers.

Some practical highlights can include:

- Milking our dairy cow
- Seasonally helping us with our bottle fed lambs and calves
- Feeding our sheep and feeling their wool
- Collecting eggs and holding chicks
- Handling and learning about our different breeds of poultry
- Aquaculture with Blue the Yabby and the Rainbow (jumping) Trout
- Looking at a range of farming vehicles and machinery
- Identifying common vegetable crops

The excursion gave students an excellent opportunity to have first-hand experience in areas that are usually restricted to books and video presentations. The students were engaged and interested in the content of the presentation and gave very positive feedback about the excursion on their return to school. Great links to the curriculum. Topic of sustainability.

J Byford - East Beechboro PS



Farm Tour with our Farmers \$3.00 per student, with a minimum charge of \$60.00.

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Contact us for more information: **Phone (08) 9378 0200**



Educational Program - Farm Excursion for 2017

Food & Fibre

Years 4-6

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Focus Area:

Farming Sustainably

- Just how important is Australia's agriculture industry?
- Learn about a typical farm system.
- What are some common threats to our environment?
- How do we keep our environment healthy?
- Let's go and do some monitoring. I'm a Pest Detective
- What damage do pests cause?
- Can you spot some common pests?
- There's other ways to keep those pests at bay besides chemicals.
- Qualify to be a Pest Detective.

Practical Activities

- Spotting common issues facing agriculture.
- Testing water & soil quality.
- Calculating rations & feeding farm animals.
- Collecting worm samples.
- Assisting with common farm activities.

Note: This is based on the Department of Agriculture and Food's initiative.

Another Brilliant excursion. We've been visiting for a good 15 years and every year we appreciate the enthusiasm and knowledge the staff share with us. The children are fully engaged and love coming every year.

D Ebert - Sorrento PS

Focus Area:

Farm 2 You

- Where does wool come from?
- Is there a difference between the fibres we wear?
- Harvesting and farm processing of wool.
- Felt making

From the Cow to the Fridge

- Why dairy products are part of a balanced diet.
- There's a lot more to dairying than just milk.
- How does the farmer produce a quality product?

The amazing egg

- Are free range eggs better than those from battery hens?
- How tough are you - lets experiment with the amazing egg.
- Finish off with how to handle and look after our poultry.

Practical Activities

- Wool classing.
- Analysing wool characteristics.
- Hand milking.
- Collecting and grading eggs.
- Cooking with eggs.

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Science, Design and Technology, Geography and Economics and also link to Cross Curricular Priorities.

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Did you know there is a fully operational farm in the city?

Kiara College farm features horticulture, aquaculture and agriculture. Our livestock includes poultry, sheep and cattle. A visit to us is an opportunity for your students to witness firsthand the dynamics of a working farm.

We offer exciting educational excursions for all year groups. Specially developed age appropriate and 'hands on' activities. Range of contexts and learning packages to choose from.

Excursion risk management templates available on our website. Teaching resources available to supplement learning activities. Transport assistance can be negotiated. Cost \$3per student.

Examples of Understandings

- Importance of the Agricultural Industry
- Sustainable farming practices
- Source of products eg Wool, butter and eggs
- Supply chains - from farm to you
- Animal ethics and welfare
- Impact of climate change
- Managing water quality, erosion
- Animal breeds and genetics
- Common threats to the environment

Examples of Practical Activities

- Testing water quality
- Calculating rations & feedign animals
- Collecting and testing soil samples
- Drenching
- Wool classing
- Hand milking a cow
- Paddock to plate activities
- Collecting and grading eggs
- Animal handling

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