

Testimonials

“Drayton State School is an historically significant school having been founded in 1851, some ten years before Toowoomba itself existed. Drayton is the second oldest school in Queensland. As such, our school students are taught about the historical importance of the school and area, of which the Royal Bull’s Head Inn is a significant feature.”

Jennine Laird - Drayton SS

“The children were fascinated by the way people cooked, slept, played, washed, collected water and, of course, went to the toilet in days gone by. The guides were knowledgeable, friendly and very patient with the many questions the children had. Having such a valuable resource for the children to experience provides life-long memories. Thank you for keeping our history alive in such an interactive manner.”

Janice Moore - Yr 3 Our Lady of Lourdes School



“Thank you for preserving this unique historical site for the locals of the area. Thank you for the opportunity to share this history with the younger generations. We look forward to seeing you again next year.”

Rebecca Chaffey - Yrs 2/3 Toowoomba Christian College





For all enquiries regarding our Education Program and Excursions or to make a booking please contact the Administration Officer.

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Education Programs & School Excursions



Royal Bull's Head Inn Drayton

Brisbane Street
Drayton QLD 4350

A visit to the Royal Bull's Head Inn offers the opportunity for students to experience life as it was during the Colonial period.

A visit to this National Trust property shows life before running water and electricity! It covers many concepts and descriptors as set down in the HASS curriculum.

All year levels can be catered for by our volunteers, many of whom are ex-teachers. Contact us to create a program to suit your needs.



Activities offered for Primary Schools include:

- Tours of - upstairs, downstairs, the old kitchen, outside.
- Relevant section of "On Our Selection" movie
- Butter making
- Old fashioned games
- Washing with scrubbing boards
- Morse Code activity
- DVD and cloze activity of the song "The Ballad of the Bull's Head Inn"
- Damper making
- Shepherd's pie making
- Constructing a campsite
- Convict activities

Program One

For classes of up to 30 students
Ideal duration - 2.5 to 3 hours

With this program the students are put into 4 groups to rotate through the activities.

9.00 am	Introduction
9.30 am	Rotation 1 - Upstairs with Morse Code Activity
10.00 am	Rotation 2 - Outside with Clothes Washing Activity
10.30 am	Morning Tea (Student supplied)
11.00 am	Rotation 3 - Downstairs with a Song
11.30 am	Rotation 4 - Old Kitchen with a Mincer Activity
12 noon	Depart Inn

Program Two

For classes of over 30 students
Ideal duration - 3 to 3.5 hours

Alternatively, this number of children could be split into two groups, with one group visiting St Matthew's Church while the group at the Inn would follow Program One. Then swap over.

9.00 am	Introduction
9.30 am	Rotation 1 - Tour of upstairs
9.50 am	Rotation 2 - Old fashioned games
10.10 am	Rotation 3 - Tour of outside
10.30 am	Rotation 4 - Butter making
10.50 am	Morning Tea (Student supplied)
11.10 am	Rotation 5 - Tour of downstairs
11.30 am	Rotation 6 - Washing activities
11.50 am	Rotation 7 - Tour of old kitchen
12.10 pm	Rotation 8 - Morse Code activity

Program Three

Any class size
Ideal duration - 4 hours

In this program, children take on the role of a worker or a visitor at the Inn and, following task cards, carry out the duty of that character.

For example, a chambermaid will get the water from the well, heat it on the woodstove, take it to the rooms in porcelain jugs for travellers to use, help the traveller dress in a nightgown and then take away the 'slops'.

Other chacters include - gardeners, cooks, serving maids, washerwomen. The students then enjoy the meal 'the cooks prepared' for their lunch.

Activities for Secondary Schools could include:

History for years 7 and 8

OR

Teacher led activites at a heritage site in:

- Art
- Archaeology
- Community service
- Drama
- Social Sciences
- Technologies
- Literature

For a full day excursion, other places to add to your excursion could include:

- St Matthew's Church
- Cobb and Co Museum
- Glengallan Homestead
- Elizabeth Kenny Memorial, Nobby
- 'Steele Rudd' Park, East Greenmount
- Jondarayan Woolshed
- Jimbour Homestead