



# Information about your Farmstay

## Questions and Answers

### Where will your students experience their Farmstay?

- Students can stay at any of the Hosted Farms in the Southeast Queensland Region. We offer a 1, 2 or 3 night Farmstay. 2 or 3 night stays are recommended as we feel the students really start to settle in after the first day and then they can relax and enjoy this experience to the full.

### What is included in their Farmstay?

- Transport to and from our meeting location is provided by our Farmstay hosts.
- All meals while on the Farm are also supplied by your host. A Hot and Cold breakfast is offered, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a 3 course dinner. One of those being a lovely Australian Beef steak cooked on the BBQ.
- Students are supplied their own beds with fresh linen. Bedrooms supplied are separate to host family members.
- Fully serviced Bathroom
- Fully supervised Farm activities. ( Will vary between farms )

### What should students bring with them?

- Students should bring enough clothing for the duration of their stay along with personal toiletries, insect repellent and sunscreen. A hat and closed in shoes are also needed. A couple of sets of warmer clothes and a warm jacket are needed for cooler days and in the evenings.

### Can you supply a bilingual guide?

- We would recommend you book a bilingual guide. We can arrange this for you if required. (Cost will apply)

### What happens if a student becomes unwell?

- All students are required to have traveller's insurance. If a student becomes unwell during their Farmstay, their host family would contact a co-ordinator from Farmlife Farmstay and we will arrange for student to meet with the tour escort. They can then make arrangements for the student to seek medical treatment from either the local doctor or hospital.
- While your students are guests in our Farmstay homes, be assured the Farm Families will ensure your student is well cared for during their stay.

### Teachers accommodation and Farmstay Visits

- Teachers can either choose to stay on a Farmstay farm or book into a local motel.
  - Teachers are best staying separate to the students and are invited to visit up to 3 Farms a day during your stay to see how their students are enjoying their experience.
  - Each visit is usually only 15 minutes long.
  - We can arrange a 30 minute visit including morning tea.
  - We can arrange a 1 hr BBQ lunch visit.
  - We can arrange transport for these visits. ( Fees will be incurred )
  - Fees and charges will apply for these services.
  - These visits require a Farmlife Farmstay representative to be present. Our representative is a free service offered in conjunction with your student group booking.
- NB: If you require this service, please confirm this upon booking.



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### How do we apply for a Farmstay in your location?

- Contact Farmlife Farmstay and let us know how many students and what dates you were considering. This would be required at least 8 weeks before your considered travel date.
- If you are wanting to co-ordinate the students with our Host Farms, we will send you our student profile form and require each student to fill one out. We will also send you our available host families profile for you to do the matching of 2 – 6 students per farm. Preferred number is 4 per farm. This form will have host families address, phone number, number of family members, age and gender, type of farm they have, number of beds available, any house animals and any outside farm animals. This will need to be returned to Farmlife Farmstay 2 weeks prior to your visit so we can confirm your booking with our host farms.
- If you require Farmlife Farmstay to do the matching, we will require a total number of students wanting to visit and a fully completed profile for each student along with the class group they will be placed in. This is to be supplied to Farmlife Farmstay at least 4 weeks prior to their visit.
- If any of your students have allergies, we will place them on the farm that is best suited to them.
- Any changes made after bookings have been placed may incur a fee. Please discuss this with us. 😊

### How can we best prepare our students?

- You will find your host families to be very friendly and will take very good care of your students.
- To help with the language differences, we suggest you place at least one student with better English speaking abilities within each group. This will also encourage the other students to practice their English.
- Encourage your students to partake in as many activities as possible and also in helping to prepare the family meals. This will help students to not be so shy and feel settled much sooner.
- Please talk to your students about what to expect while on an Australian Farm. Our host families will also show them what precautions are needed while on these farms. Some of these could include, not getting too close to cows or horses in case they kick, where snakes could potentially be and check yourself for ticks if walking through long grass.