

Outback Queensland Education Experience Program Subsidy Application Form

Objective

The Outback Queensland Education Experience Program is an initiative of Tourism and Events Queensland, Outback Queensland Tourism, Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games and Education Queensland and aims to encourage Queensland Schools to take years 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 students to visit Queensland's Outback.

Funding

This scheme provides a subsidy of up to \$130* per student, to reduce the costs of an excursion to Outback Queensland** for schools located in Queensland. It is paid direct to schools after they have met the eligibility requirements for funding. 50% of the subsidy will be paid upon approval of an application and the remaining 50% will be paid upon the receipt of a completed survey and report after the excursion. The payment is not meant to cover all costs. Funds are allocated to schools on a per student basis at rates varying according to round trip distance travelled. Funds are to be used to reduce the costs for individual students.

* Funds are allocated to schools on a per student basis at rates varying according to round trip kilometers travelled.

** The "Outback" is defined as the Local Government Areas of: Flinders, Richmond, McKinlay, Cloncurry, Mount Isa, Barcaldine, Blackall Tambo, Longreach, Winton, Barcoo, Boulia, Diamantina, Murweh, Paroo, Quilpie and Bulloo. Also included in the boundaries of the subsidy are the Gulf Shires of; Etheridge, Croydon, Carpentaria and Burke.

The subsidy rates are as follows:

Distance travelled from school (round trip)	Funds allocated per student
500–999 km	\$50
1,000–1,499 km	\$75
1,500–1,999 km	\$100
2,000 km and over	\$130

As there is a limited amount of funding, schools are encouraged to apply as early as possible. Each application will be dealt with in order of receipt until funds are exhausted.

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Eligibility Requirements

- Participating students must be enrolled at the school, and be part of an excursion group whose principal purpose for travelling to the outback is to support their 'in classroom' learnings of the Geography, History and science curriculum links with Outback Queensland.
- Students are only eligible for the subsidy once per calendar year.
- Enquiries should be made with transportation providers prior to submitting an application. Booking quotes and itineraries are to be included as part of the application.
- The excursion itinerary must ensure that students spend majority of their time in Queensland's outback and all major activities take place in the region.
- Schools are asked to submit a completed survey and report or presentation of their excursion in order to receive the second half of their subsidy.

How to apply for the subsidy

1. Visit the Outback Education website or your copy of the handbook
2. Look at the map of Queensland to check that you are outside the gazetted 'outback area'
3. Browse the suggested itineraries for places that interest you and your students
4. Select a coach company from the handbook or a local provider of choice
5. In consultation with the coach company, design your trip (this may include train/plane)
6. Make a booking with the coach company
7. Complete the Outback Queensland Education Experience Program application form and return to TEQ

Terms and Conditions

- All participating schools must ensure that school excursion consent forms are completed in accordance with Education Queensland requirements. Refer to education policy and procedures register SCM-PR-002: School Excursions.
- All participating schools must ensure that students and teachers have adequate insurance protection for public liability and personal injury.
- All participating schools accept that Tourism and Events Queensland, Education Queensland, the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games (DTESB) and Outback Queensland Tourism Association (OQTA) may use the participating school's name and excursion details for their promotional and publicity purposes.
- All participating schools grant Tourism and Events Queensland a nonexclusive, royalty-free, perpetual, transferable, irrevocable right to use, reproduce, publish and display any reports, imagery, videos or other copyright material, resulting from the school excursion throughout the world in any media, including the right to sublicense to others at TEQ's discretion.

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The Outback Education Experience Program has been developed to encourage schools to take Year 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9 Queensland students to visit Queensland's outback to learn about the science, geography, history and heritage of state.

- Separate forms are to be completed if a school is applying for more than one excursion.
- One form is to be completed per school if more than one school is involved in a single excursion group.
- Please include a copy of the excursion itinerary and transportation quote with this form.

Schools should read the Eligibility Requirements and Terms and Conditions carefully before completing this form.

Name of School: _____

Postal Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Postcode: _____

Phone: _____

School Principal: _____ Teacher in charge of tour: _____

Email (contact person for tour): _____

School email: _____

Round trip distance (in km): _____

Duration of visit to outback, Arrive: _____ Depart: _____

Number of eligible students on excursion: _____ Number of adults accompanying excursion: _____

Please enter the number of students in each year level travelling to the Outback: Yr 5: ____ Yr 6: ____
Yr 7: ____ Yr 8: ____ Yr 9: ____

How/Where did you hear about the subsidy scheme? Parent Magazine Internet Facebook

I have read and agree to the Outback Queensland Education Experience Program Terms and Conditions:
Yes

I agree to provide Tourism Queensland with a completed survey and report or presentation of the tour:
Yes

Signature of Principal: _____

Privacy Notice: Information on this Form is collected in order to be in relation to administering the Outback Education Subsidy. Information on this form may also be provided to the Department of Tourism, Major Events, Small Business and the Commonwealth Games, Education Queensland and Outback Queensland Tourism Association. Any personal information contained in this form will be used only for the purpose of administering the Outback Education Subsidy program, and will not otherwise be disclosed without your consent unless where authorised or required by law.

Please complete all details and forward to:

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