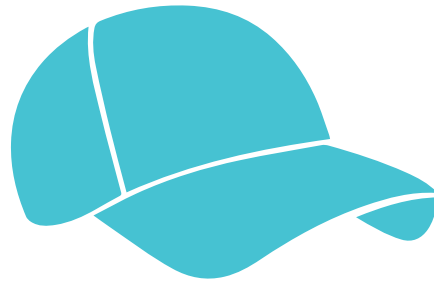




Visiting Queensland Museum Kurilpa, South Bank, as a school group
For students with sensory sensitivities

Before I visit the museum



The museum is a friendly space where I can feel comfortable and everyone is welcome.

The museum has sensory kits and ear protectors for my use.

I may also want to bring my own items that will help me to feel comfortable such as: ear protectors, a hat, sunglasses, a fidget or a comfort toy.



I am going to **Queensland Museum Kurilpa** at South Bank. It is Queensland's main natural and social history museum and also has a science centre called ***SparkLab***.



When I arrive with my school group, I will enter the museum from **Level 0** on Grey Street, near the **Dinosaur Garden**.

The **Level 0** entrance has glass doors that open automatically.



The **Dinosaur Garden** is a good place for me to rest, listen to instructions and have something to eat if my teacher has planned a meal break.

I am not allowed to eat food inside the museum.



Level 0 has lots of toilets.

There is also a space to store my bags and any items that I do not need to carry around with me while I am at the museum.



When I arrive at the museum, I will be welcomed by staff who will give me instructions for my visit. Museum staff wear a black uniform with 'Queensland Museum' on the shirt.

They will also show me where to store my bags and where things like the stairs and toilets are.

I can ask museum staff for help if I am lost or need directions.



When moving around the museum, I will stay with my teacher or leader and my group.

We will use stairs to move from floor to floor.



I will notice there are lots of interesting things hanging above me both outside and inside the museum.

These are very secure and won't fall down. There are also things in cases or hung on walls — there is a lot to see at the museum.



Sometimes spaces within the museum can be very bright and can also be noisy.

There may be lots of people and groups visiting the museum. I may have to queue or wait my turn to see things.



On **Level 1**, I can visit the **Anzac Legacy Gallery** or **SparkLab**. At the **Anzac Legacy Gallery** I can learn about the First World War. I can also see a tank.

There is only one toilet on **Level 1**. It is near the lifts.



SparkLab is an interactive exhibition that is all about science on **Level 1**. I will need a ticket to enter. Sometimes **SparkLab** can be noisy.

There may be a lot of people queuing to get in. **SparkLab** is also a dark space but has bright exhibits that flash, make noise or move.



In between Level 1 and Level 2 is a space called the **Mezzanine** or **Level 1 ½**. Here I can see a display of different types of minerals.

Because this is a smaller space, it can sometimes get busy and noisy.

This is also the main entrance to the **Theatre**.



I may be attending a program in the **Theatre**.
The presenter in the **Theatre** may use a
microphone and have a presentation with bright
images, videos and music.

I can ask my teacher or group leader to step
outside with me if it is too loud or I need to take
a break.



Level 2 is the main level in the museum.

There are also toilets and places to sit and rest if I need to.



If I walk through **Level 2**, I will see lots of interesting things in cases and on the walls.

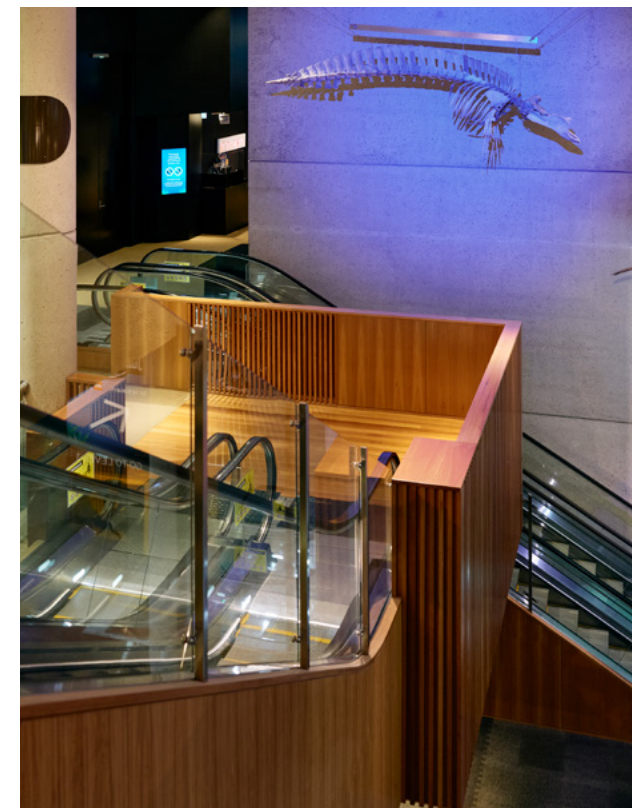
Some of the exhibitions on **Level 2** change and may be different each time I visit.



The permanent exhibition on **Level 2** is **Dinosaurs Unearthed**.

Here I can learn about Queensland dinosaurs and megafauna.

The **Dinosaurs Unearthed** exhibition can be noisy and has some flashing lights and large projections. Sometimes this space can get busy with lots of people looking at the exhibition.



On **Level 3**, the museum has special exhibitions that change. The exhibition on Level 3 might be different every time I visit.

If I am visiting a special exhibition on **Level 3**, my group can get to **Level 3** using the stairs.

Sometimes, there may be a new exhibition getting built and **Level 3** will be blocked off. This means something new and exciting will be here soon.

I can still use the stairs to get to Level 4.

There are no toilets on **Level 3**.



Level 4 is the highest level I can visit at the museum. **Level 4** has **Wild State** and the **Discovery Centre**.

There are also toilets on **Level 4** if I need to use them and seating if I need to rest.



On **Level 4**, **Wild State** is all about the animals that live in Queensland.

This exhibition has some flashing lights and animal sounds that play from speakers.



On **Level 4**, the **Discovery Centre** is a place where I can ask questions, touch things and look more closely.

There are friendly staff that work here who I can talk to and will show me things.



The **Discovery Centre** also has some live animals that I can see.

They can't hurt me and are kept safe in their display cases.



Once I have finished my visit at Queensland Museum, it is okay for me to leave because the **museum will be open next time I visit.**

My teacher or group leader will have a plan to make sure I collect my bag and get back to school on time. I must make sure I stay with my group as we head back to school.

Queensland Museum school group visit tips

When to visit

Our regular hours are 9.30am–5pm daily.

Your length of visit will depend on which areas of the museum you wish to visit.

Temporary exhibition sessions are currently 1 hour. School programs run for approximately 45 minutes.

SparkLab sessions are currently 1 hour 15 minutes. Session times available for school and children's group visits (Queensland school terms) are:

- 10am–11:15am
- 11:30am–12:45pm
- 1pm–2:15pm

A detailed itinerary will be created for each individual group by the Bookings Officer.

Supervision and group size

A school or children's group is identified as having a minimum of 10 students, plus supervising adults and teachers. Maximum group size depends on which exhibitions or school programs you are booking.

Please divide your students into small groups with an adult allocated for each group.

The recommended supervision ratio of adults to students:

- 1:3 for Prep
- 1:5 for Years 1–6
- 1:10 for Years 7–10
- 1:15 for Years 11–12

Teachers and accompanying adults are responsible for the supervision of their students while visiting and we ask they remain with their group at all times.

Museum staff are available to assist with visitor flow, however it is the responsibility of teachers to ensure that the itineraries are followed and allocated times are observed.

Please note the **Museum Shop** cannot accommodate large groups of students. Please allow only small, supervised groups into the shop.

Short shop visits can be included on your itinerary, booked via the **School Booking Form**.

Moving around the museum

Students are asked to use the stairs or escalators when moving between floors. Students should not use the lifts unless necessary.

We also ask that groups consider other museum visitors. Please observe social distancing and keep noise levels down in public galleries.

Moving around *SparkLab*

Schools and children's groups will move through the **SparkLab** exhibition for a 1 hour 15 minutes hands on experience. There are three zones within the exhibition, as well as facilitated learning experiences at set times.

Schools and children's groups can spread out within the exhibition, move through the zones in any order at their leisure and chat with the **SparkLab** staff within the exhibition. Please divide your students into small groups with an adult allocated for each group.

Cost and invoicing

A general museum visit is free of charge. School programs led by museum staff range in prices. Supervising adults are free.

SparkLab: Groups of 10 or more students: \$11 (GST free) per student. Supervising adults within ratio are free, additional adults charged concession price.

Prices for temporary exhibitions on Level 3 vary. Please confirm prices with the booking officer at the time of booking your group. Please be aware that all prices are subject to change.

Confirmation, cancellation & payment

Your booking is confirmed only when you receive emailed confirmation.

We require a minimum of seven (7) days' notice prior to the visit when cancelling, otherwise an administration fee will be charged.

An invoice will be emailed 1–2 weeks after your visit.

Queensland Museum Kurilpa welcomes visitors of all abilities. We aim to provide an inclusive, accessible and enjoyable experience for everyone.

Check out our website for upcoming events including relaxed and sensory sessions.

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Thank you for visiting Queensland Museum Kurilpa
We hope you enjoyed it!

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