



Vacation Day Tours Excursion Management Information

Tours must be paid for on or prior to the day of the tour. This can be through EFT or by credit card in the AstroShop.

All our volunteers have Working with Children cards.

Unless requested earlier, our Emergency Evacuation Plan and the Certificate of Currency will be sent with our date confirmation

Please note that we cannot accept children under the age of 5 years for a Vacation Day Tour.

The group must consist of a minimum of ten children. The maximum number of children per tour is 60.

The Price is **\$12 per child** for the set of four activities.

Supervision and Safety

Please ensure you have a list of students and helpers attending in case of an emergency. There must be at least one adult for every ten students.

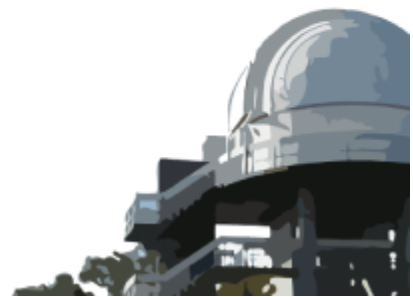
The person in charge of the supervisory team is responsible for the supervision of and any specific requirements of the students at all times.

Perth Observatory staff and volunteers place heavy emphasis on safety and supervising adults are asked to support this. They will need to help maintain discipline and keep children in their groups during the visit to maximize the educational experience. During the outdoor activities the adult supervisors help ensure that all children remain in the work area.

Perth Observatory has basic First Aid kits. If you have students who have allergies and/or require specific medication, please bring it with you. Perth Observatory volunteers are not allowed to give medication to students.

In the event of an emergency there will be three sets of three blasts of a siren sounded and the presenter will direct the group s/he is working with to the muster point.

Children should be suitably dressed for the visit. Activities are likely to be outdoors so hats and sunscreen should be used and, in winter, attire suitable for the weather conditions expected, it can be cold at Bickley. There are steps to climb and some walking to do so suitable footwear is essential.





Tour Conditions

The students will work in small groups with a volunteer running the session. Please put the students into the number of groups requested by the observatory prior to the visit.

Perth Observatory tours are designed to operate in clear, cloudy and wet conditions. If the weather is inclement, indoor activities will cover similar concepts as the outdoor activities would have done if possible, and activities in the domes may be included depending on the weather.

It is a good idea to come ten minutes early so the students have time to visit the toilets prior to the start of the activities. If you have come some way and would like your students to have their recess snack prior to starting, please arrive earlier. We would also suggest that if you are using the travel time supplied by Google maps you add an extra 10 - 15 minutes to the journey time as many groups have arrived late.

Please let us know if you have students with disabilities. Activities may be outside and there is walking involved and some domes have stairs. We do have wheelchairs available if needed. Wheelchair access to the main building is via a ramp at the back.

Refreshments

If the group is having morning tea or lunch at the Observatory, please note that the Observatory is located in a National Park and visitors are required to take their litter away with them when leaving.

As space at the observatory is limited, please avoid bringing individual bags. If the children are eating at the Observatory, we ask that their lunches be put in a labelled plastic bag. They can then either be brought along in a box or laundry basket or similar or can be collected and looked after at the observatory. Drink bottles containing water are essential and can be carried round.

We have a small stock of ice-creams, soft drinks and water available for sale in our AstroShop. A drink fountain is located at the Amphitheatre on the back lawn.

Please Note: No smoking is permitted on the grounds of the Perth Observatory

