



# Brisbane Show Camp 2017

## General Information and Nomination Details



**FRIDAY AUGUST 11th TO FRIDAY AUGUST 18th 2017**

The Brisbane Show Camp is a program of the  
**Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre**

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## Introduction to Show Camp

*In 1928 a group of boys selected from school pig project clubs were invited to live-in at the Royal National Association Exhibition to attend 'lecturettes and demonstrations on the various sections of the Show'.*

*Over the years this 'Camp' - which has been known as the Farm Boys and Girls Camp, the Project Club Camp, and now Show Camp - has provided a unique learning experience for hundreds of primary school students.*

*During the period 1928 to 1991 the Camps were conducted by the Agricultural Projects section of the Department of Public Instruction (or Department of Education) and the primary focus was on agricultural themes.*

*In 1992 a major change in Education Queensland saw the disbandment of the Project Club Branch. This resulted in changes to the Show Camp, opening it to all students, not just those from project clubs; and a program shift to a Departmental priority – literacy.*

*More recently the activities of the Camp have expanded to include other aspects of media and now the main focus is on media arts.*

### Show Camp aims to:

- bring together students with similar interests and abilities from Queensland's regional and urban areas so that they can:
  - ★ develop friendships,
  - ★ gain a greater appreciation of the way of life and experiences of other children from throughout the state, and
  - ★ work co-operatively on literacy and media arts projects.
- develop student skills in the areas of news writing and digital media production,
- involve students in group and individual work in planning, researching, writing and editing news stories; and researching, recording and distributing electronic media (eg. digital photography, podcasting / vodcasting, video),
- allow students to gain a greater appreciation of the importance of the Brisbane Show to Queensland's rural community, and
- enjoy the activities of the Ekka.



## Camp Details

The Brisbane Show Camp is a partnership program of the RNA and Education Queensland, conducted during the Royal Brisbane Show (the Ekka). A maximum of 20 students (10 boys and 10 girls) in **Year Six** from Queensland State Schools are selected to live in at the Ekka and participate in a range of educational activities. The Camp commences on the first Friday of the show and concludes the following Friday - a total of seven nights.

***The dates for 2017 are Friday 11th August to Friday 18th August.***

**The Camp program provides extension activities in writing - particularly news writing and digital media. Students are not expected to be expert in these areas, but they must show some ability and interest, be willing to actively participate in all the learning activities and make a commitment to meet the work expectations of the Camp.**



**Students wanting to be selected to attend the Show Camp will need to have successfully completed an on-line course in News Writing developed by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre. The course can be accessed through the Learning Place. Details of how to access this will be provided to teachers via email.**

**The main emphasis of the Camp is literacy and media. It is not an agricultural or 'showing' training activity, even though students will see, and may be involved in, these aspects of the Ekka.**

### **Accommodation:**

Show Campers live within the Ekka grounds in a dormitory building, in an area which is closed to public access. The building contains two dormitories with attached teachers' rooms, an office, classroom and common room. Toilets and shower facilities are for the exclusive use of the Show Camp.

### **Travel:**

It is expected that the parents of students living close to Brisbane will arrange their own travel to and from the Camp. The Showgrounds are a short walk from the Fortitude Valley (Brunswick Street) railway station.

Students will be met at one of the entry gates and provided with their entry pass. Parking, other than drop-off, is not available and entry passes for other family members are not provided.

For students living outside the south-east corner:

Education Queensland will meet the cost of air transport from the closest regular air service location to Brisbane and return (in accordance with Education Queensland policy). Students traveling by air will be as unaccompanied minors who are supervised on the plane and delivered to the nominated person at the destination.

Unfortunately Coach companies no longer transport unaccompanied minors. Some do provide a reduced fare for an adult accompanying a child. Special conditions apply and these will need to be obtained from the coach company. Education Queensland will meet the cost of transport for the selected student but can not provide any financial support for fares for accompanying adults.

Parents are required to meet the costs of any food required on the journey to and from Show Camp.

Special travel arrangements may be possible and should be discussed with the Show Camp Manager. Any additional travel costs that result from special arrangements at the parents' request will incur a co-payment.

### **Meals:**

All meals during the Camp are provided at a restaurant within the Showgrounds close to the Show Camp building. Details of any special dietary requirements for the students selected will be obtained closer to the camp.

### **Costs:**

There is no cost to students for participation in the Show Camp (apart from personal spending money).



## At a Glance

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| <b>Show Campers</b>                                                                               | Students in Year Six in Queensland State Schools.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| <b>Camp Dates</b>                                                                                 | Friday August 11th to Friday August 18th 2017.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>On-line course commencement</b>                                                                | <b>Opens Week Nine of Term One. Completion dates for each of the four assessment pieces will be provided via email. Final piece to be submitted by June 9th.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Nomination Closing Date</b>                                                                    | <b>END OF WEEK 7 (TERM 2): Friday 2nd June, 2017.</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Location</b>                                                                                   | Show Camp building within the RNA grounds in Bowen Hills.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| <b>Costs</b>                                                                                      | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No cost for camp and meals,</li> <li>• Air travel provided at no cost (see section on transport) for eligible students,</li> <li>• Travel for students close to Brisbane and travel for remote students to nearest travel point to be met by parents,</li> <li>• Meals during travel to be met by parents.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Camp Organisers</b>                                                                            | The Show Camp is an activity of Education Queensland in partnership with the RNA. The management of the program is by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| <b>Supervisors</b>                                                                                | At least one male and one female teacher live in for the whole camp. Other adults also live in, and additional teachers work with students during the 'school' day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| <b>Nomination Requirements (School)</b>                                                           | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All students MUST be nominated by their school,</li> <li>• Schools must complete the Nomination Faxback form. Please fax this form to (07) 3552 7100 by the closing date (Friday 2nd June, 2017),</li> <li>• Schools must rank nominated students in order of preference (as per faxback form).</li> <li>• Schools must endorse student nominations with consideration to capacity to work independently, student behaviour and benefit to school if student was to attend the Camp.</li> </ul> |
| <b>Nomination Requirements (Student)</b><br><i>(additional information is provided on page 5)</i> | Students must provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completed nominated form endorsed by the school,</li> <li>• Statement by student giving reasons why he/she should be selected - including how they believe their attendance would benefit both themselves and their school.</li> <li>• <b>Student must have successfully completed the on-line News Writing course.</b></li> <li>• Recent portrait photo (similar to passport requirements) in a digital format.</li> </ul>                                              |
| <b>Nominations to:</b>                                                                            | The Principal, Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre<br><b>Mail:</b> P.O. Box 3504, Newmarket Q. 4051.<br><b>Fax:</b> (07) 3552 7100<br><b>email:</b> <a href="mailto:ShowCamp@urbaneec.eq.edu.au">ShowCamp@urbaneec.eq.edu.au</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

## Additional Nomination Details for Students

### Work to be submitted:

- 1: Students are required to complete the on-line News Writing course to be considered for the Camp. There are four assessment pieces that will need to be completed and submitted according to the timetable to be provided via email. **Final piece to be submitted by June 9th.**
- 2: Students are also required to provide a personal statement that outlines:
  - their involvement in school activities,
  - their interest in journalism, media arts and the use of technology,
  - their reasons for wanting to be selected to attend the Camp, and how they believe that their attendance may benefit both themselves and the school.

### Other requirements:

Students are also required to provide a recent portrait (similar to a passport photo) in a digital format. The portrait should show head and shoulders facing directly towards the camera - no hats or dark glasses. The photo file name must contain the name of the student. The photo is required for photo ID tags produced by the RNA.



### All nomination requirements should be sent to:

The Principal, Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre

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**Fax:** (07) 3552 7100

**email:** [ShowCamp@urbaneec.eq.edu.au](mailto:ShowCamp@urbaneec.eq.edu.au)

### Additional information relating to Show Camp can be obtained from:

The Principal, Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre

**Phone:** (07) 3552 7111

# 2017 Brisbane Show Camp Nomination Form

(please complete all sections)

| Student Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |  |                                                                              |                               |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Name                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Mr   |
| Date of Birth                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                                                                              | <input type="checkbox"/> Miss |
| If selected, my preferred method of travel to Camp will be:                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  | <input type="checkbox"/> Private Transport<br><input type="checkbox"/> Plane |                               |
| If selected, I will be able to attend the Show Camp for the whole period of the camp. I will also complete all required pre-camp introductory lessons and assignments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                              |                               |
| Student's Signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  | Parent's Signature                                                           |                               |
| School Details                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                              |                               |
| School                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |  |                                                                              |                               |
| School Address                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |  |                                                                              |                               |
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| School email                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  |                                                                              |                               |
| School Phone                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |  | School Fax                                                                   |                               |
| Class Teacher                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  | email                                                                        |                               |
| Principal                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  | Preferred email                                                              |                               |
| Principal / Class Teacher declaration                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                              |                               |
| <p>I am of the opinion that if ..... were selected for Show Camp he/she would work co-operatively with staff and students and thus contribute to the overall goals of the Camp.</p> <p>Further, the information supplied provides an accurate indication of the student's involvement in the school, and all work submitted is an accurate indication of his/her regular capabilities.</p> |  |                                                                              |                               |
| Class Teacher's Signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |                                                                              |                               |
| Principal's Signature                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |  |                                                                              |                               |

Nominations must be received by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre by  
**Friday 2nd June 2017**

## Additional Information for Principals and Teachers

### Selection of students:

There are a total of 20 places available at Show Camp; 10 girls and 10 boys - restricted by the available dormitory space. Girls and boys are selected separately and really are not competing against each other for a place.

Schools may nominate more than one student but it would be unlikely that more than one or two would be selected and therefore up to four nominations (two boys and two girls) per school would be appropriate.

Schools are requested to provide a selection preference order on the nomination faxback form - girls and boys should be rated separately as well as overall. Principals should also indicate if there would be any problems if, for example, a boy who was given an overall rating of 3rd was selected before the 1st or 2nd preference girl. Indicate by ticking the 'Please follow overall preference order' box on the faxback form if this is your preference.

The faxback form should be completed showing details of all nominated students. This form should be faxed to the Centre (07-3552 7100) by the closing date for nominations.

Nomination for Show Camp should not be considered as a 'reward' for school leaders, but rather as an extension program in news genres and media arts. Students nominated should be the high achievers in these areas who would benefit from extension activities.

### Other considerations:

- Students nominated should be responsible and generally demonstrate good behaviour, mixing well with others,
- Students should be able to work independently as well as contribute in group activities,
- Students should have a genuine interest in writing, media arts and ICTs,
- Students should be able to cope with separation from school and family for the period of the Camp.

### Nomination Check List: (for each student nominated)

- ☐ Student is enrolled in the on-line News Writing course and is submitting their assessment pieces.
- ☐ Student has provided their personal statement
- ☐ Nomination form completed by student and parents,
- ☐ Nomination form endorsed by school Principal / Class Teacher
- ☐ Student photograph (in digital form) has been provided (student name should be part of the file name),
- ☐ School has completed and returned the faxback form.

### Distributing this Information:

- Pages 1 to 6 should be given to students that you would consider nominating for Show Camp,
- Pages 7 and 8 are for school use only.



## Fax message

**Brisbane Urban  
Environmental Education Centre**  
**(07) 3552 7100**

## SHOW CAMP NOMINATIONS

|                                                                                   |  |       |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--|-------|--|
| Sent By                                                                           |  | Date  |  |
| Title                                                                             |  | Fax   |  |
| School                                                                            |  | Phone |  |
| Preferred School contact email (for reply confirmation of receipt of nominations) |  |       |  |

| Student's Name                         | Male / Female | Order of Preference          |      |         | Method of sending Nominations*         |
|----------------------------------------|---------------|------------------------------|------|---------|----------------------------------------|
|                                        |               | Girls                        | Boys | Overall |                                        |
|                                        |               |                              |      |         |                                        |
|                                        |               |                              |      |         |                                        |
|                                        |               |                              |      |         |                                        |
|                                        |               |                              |      |         |                                        |
| Please follow overall preference order |               | <input type="checkbox"/> Yes |      |         | * P - Post<br>* F - Fax<br>* E - email |

*Please ensure that all sections of this form have been completed:*

- Student names,
- Male (M) / Female (F),
- Selection preference order - each gender and overall (ie: girls; 1, 2. boys; 1, 2. overall; 1, 2, 3, 4),
- Method of sending nominations - Post (P); Fax (F); email (E): if sent by multiple methods, indicate all.

Marking the 'Please follow overall preference order' box will mean that any student with a lower overall preference rating by the school would not be selected before someone with a higher rating.

Schools will receive a confirmation email when the nominations have been received by the Brisbane Urban Environmental Education Centre. If you have not received an email by 21st June please contact the Centre.

It is also advisable to keep a copy of the nomination/s in case a posted package is not received by the Centre.