



DALBY STATE HIGH SCHOOL



SHOW CATTLE TEAM HANDBOOK



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Welcome to the Dalby State High School Show Cattle Team. The following handbook is provided to assist you in preparing to enter the Programme. Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Dalby State High School Show Cattle Team

The team allows students to learn all aspects of showing cattle. This includes breaking-in, washing, clipping, grooming, parading and judging. The Show Cattle Team includes both day and boarding students, and aims to facilitate structured opportunities to compete for the School and learn more about cattle. Given the School's location, the team competes at various local shows, the Darling Downs school competitions and the Royal Brisbane Show (The Ekka). Due to the heavy time demands that Shows place on staff and students, particularly with absences from school, a calendar is produced each year indicating where and when the Show Cattle Team will compete.

Fees and Charges

The Show Cattle Programme is provided to students free of charge however, there will be a cost for your student if they are selected to go to overnight shows. This programme is run over the first three terms of each year with the intentions of going to approximately 8 shows including the Toowoomba Beef Expo, Farmfest and Brisbane Royal Show (Ekka). Show schedules are subject to change annually as they are based around the curriculum requirements of the students and staff of the school. The Show Cattle Team participant numbers will be limited and the number of team members attending shows will also be limited.

DSHS Led Steers/Heifers

Each year DSHS purchase and breed cattle for the purpose of use in the led steer/heifer competitions. As a member of DSHS Show Cattle Team students will only be able to **show our cattle** whilst representing the school team.

Awards and Leadership Roles

Leadership Roles may be awarded to the students who are seen to be good role models for their peers and the Dalby State High School. They must have a strong knowledge of cattle and be able to communicate with students of all ages. If at any time a student is on behaviour levels their position may be reviewed.

Acknowledging Success

As a school, we pride ourselves on acknowledging the success of our students and cattle. This may occur via social media, newsletters, local media and at our end of year dinner. Please note that student safety is always the staff's first priority, therefore regular updates via Facebook will not be possible in most instances.

Members of the Show Cattle Team

The Dalby State High School Show Cattle Team plays a significant part in the agricultural co-curricular life of students who participate in the programme and, while we aim to achieve success in the show ring both as a team and as a combination of animal and parader, the

key emphasis is on personal development and development of skills.

Students are required to work respectfully, as a **team** to complete all tasks associated with showing cattle, for example:

- Breaking in cattle
- Working with cattle at the Bunya Campus facilities in a safe manner
- Cleaning cattle stalls
- Cooking, cleaning and washing up at shows
- Helping with set up and packing up at the end of the day. Unpack on the return to school and clean all equipment including the DSHS Bus and Truck
- Washing, clipping and grooming steers in preparation for show
- Early morning starts to prepare cattle

Places in the Show Cattle Team are limited. This is to ensure Occupational Health and Workplace Safety requirements are met in terms of cattle numbers and staffing and to meet all requirements of the Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment that are a requirement of the Department of Education. Both of these need to be appropriate to the skill level of the students. Team selection is done via a written application process and successful applicants will be decided by management.

When necessary team selection for traveling to shows will be based on **Student participation and commitment at training afternoons** – students are required to actively participate in training sessions. It is expected that students attend afternoon training sessions, including weekend sessions.

- **Student ability** – it is unsafe to have students participate in a show environment who do not have the skills to manage themselves and their animals relatively independently and safely. Student participation is by an application process.
- **Student Behaviour and Attitude** – it is an expectation that any student involved with the Show Cattle Team will meet the expectations of Dalby State High School's Responsible Behaviour Plan and all school obligations must be up to date for students to attend shows (finance, assessment, school work and behaviour). These expectations are reinforced in the Show Cattle Team Code of Conduct (outlined below). Students must meet these expectations in order to be part of the Show Cattle Team.



Behaviour

The Show Cattle Team involves students of a range of ages in potentially high risk activities. Thus the need for an explicit code of behaviour emerges as a sensible response. As a valued member of the Show Cattle Team students are requested to abide by the following code of conduct:

1. Respect

- Show Cattle Team should be a place where all participants feel valued, respected and safe.

2. Following Instructions

- Instructions given by staff must be followed promptly and without complaint
- Team spirit should be displayed and team members should help each other by completing or assisting with jobs, showing initiative and working as a team
- Staff and all team members should be treated with courtesy and respect.

3. Representing the School

- Show Cattle Team uniform is to be worn in a neat and tidy manner
- Behave in an appropriate and responsible manner
- Be helpful and considerate towards parent helpers, team mates, other competitors and members of the public
- Abide by the rules outlined by Management and Staff.

4. Equipment

- Make sure you have the necessary equipment e.g. Scotch combs, show cane, hat, blazer (see **Uniform and Equipment Requirements**). These items are your responsibility;
- Failure to abide by the above code of conduct **may** result in consequences as deemed suitable by Management including exclusion from Show Cattle Team activities.
- You will also be responsible for the care and return of any equipment supplied by the DSHS (halters, leads, brushes, nose grips etc);
- Students who misuse, damage or destroy equipment may be asked to replace it.

Presentation of Students and Cattle

1. Student

- All students must look neat and tidy at all times. Uniforms are to be clean with shirts tucked in, ties done up and hair tied back. Boots must be polished and hats worn at all times.

2. Cattle

- All cattle need to be well washed, dried and adequately groomed prior to the event. All leather gear **MUST** be cleaned, polished and correctly fitted to the animal.

Competitions

1. Prior to competitions students need to:

- Make sure they have all the necessary equipment (**see Uniform and Equipment requirements**)
- Make sure all leather gear is clean, polished and in a safe working condition
- Make sure boots are clean and polished.

2. At the show

- Upon arrival cattle should be unloaded and tied to a secure place together while stalls are set up. Always move cattle in at least pairs, never tie one animal on its own away from the others
- Stalls and school display need to be set up quickly – this includes placing clean bedding straw or sawdust at an appropriate thickness, hanging up Show Team banner and any promotional signs, leaving all show boxes and equipment neat and tidy in the designated area
- The cattle are to be continuously monitored for the duration of the show
- Check with the teacher in charge to find out the time of your events.

3. Morning of the competition

- Remove all cattle from the stalls – provide feed (grain) followed by water
- Clean stalls then top up with clean bedding
- Wash, dry and groom cattle ready for competition
- Fit clean polished leathers
- Change into Show uniform
- Be fully ready for your event prior to the start time.

4. After competitions

- At the completion of your event, return your animal to the stall, change the leather halter back to the work halter, fix the neck strap in place and offer your animal a drink
- Watch and support your fellow team mates in their events and congratulate any successes
- Help pack up camping gear, school displays and load cattle.
- Students are expected to return to Campus to unload cattle, unpack gear and clean equipment.



Uniform Requirements

The Dalby State High School Show Cattle Team has a show and a work uniform. The show uniform is to be worn while students are competing in the show ring and during final presentations. During the time students are not competing or are preparing cattle they are required to wear their work uniform. (School blazers, ties and white dust coats are supplied by DSHS). You will also be responsible for the care and return of any uniform supplied by the DSHS (blazer, dust coat, ties and scarves).

1. **Show Uniform**

Parents supply

Beige/cream jeans
Good blue jeans
Dalby State High School long sleeve shirt
Clean wide brimmed dress hat
Clean polished boots
Belt - (brown or black)

School Supplies

Maroon DSHS Blazer
Ties/Scarves/White Coats

2. **Work Uniform**

Parents supply

Dark Blue jeans
Work boots or gum boots (for washing)
Dalby SHS Show Cattle Team Polo shirt
Akubra/Wide brimmed dress hat
Black or brown belt.
DSHS cap/bucket hat

**Optional*

Show Team Jersey
Show Team Jacket

3. **Extra Equipment**

Parents supply

Boot polish
Swag and personal hygiene/ toiletry items
Pencil/pen & pocket notebook for judging
Show Cane



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SHOW CATTLE PROGRAM CONSENT FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: _____ DOB: ____/____/____

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT: YES / NO (please circle)

Please complete the required information and check all appropriate boxes below to indicate your agreement/consent:
Attach this form with your application and return to the Bunya Campus.

- I give consent for my child to participate in the Dalby State High School Cattle Show Team.
- I understand that Cattle Showing is classed as an **"Extreme High Risk"** activity.
- I have read all of the information contained in the **Cattle Show Handbook** in relation to the activity and I am aware that the Department of Education, Training and Employment **does not** have personal accident insurance cover
- I agree to pay all costs as outlined in the **Cattle Show Handbook**, associated with the Programme I have indicated my child will be participating in.
- In the event of an accident or illness, I authorise school staff to obtain or administer any medical assistance or treatment my child may reasonably require, including contacting my child's doctor.
- I accept liability for all costs incurred in obtaining such medical assistance or treatment (including any transportation costs) and undertake to reimburse the State of Queensland (via the Department of Education, Training and Employment) the full amount of any costs incurred on my child's behalf.
- I have provided the school with all relevant details relating to my child's medical or physical needs by completing an Enrolment Form and Medication Form for the Dalby State High School Cattle Show Team
- I understand that not all members of the team will attend every show. Major shows such as Farmfest, Beef Expo and Ekka will/may be by a selection process.
- I understand that this is an application process and there is no guarantee that my son/daughter will be successful with their application.
- I have received relevant information in regards to Q FEVER – in the School Environment and understand that it is my responsibility/ choice to have my child immunised.

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME _____

DATE: ____/____/____

Application

Please submit a written application addressing each of the questions below. Maximum two A4 page application. Please attach any certificates or written references that may support your application.

1. What is your reasoning for wanting to join the Dalby State High School Cattle Show Team?
2. What previous experience have you had with cattle?
3. Have you ever been part of another Show Team (Stud Cattle or School Team)? Please give names and details
4. Have you ever attended a Cattle Youth Camp? Please list details of when and what breed.
5. Would you be willing to attend a Cattle Youth Camp to further your knowledge and experience in this area?
6. Have you ever worked for an employer in the Cattle Showing Industry? Please list names.