



# **DALBY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BUNYA CAMPUS**

# **SHOW CATTLE HANDBOOK**



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**Welcome to the Dalby State High School Cattle Show 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 facilitates the development of leadership skills. 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).

### **Fees And Charges**

The Show Cattle Programme is invoiced on a term basis. **Fees must be paid in advance for the student to be able to continue in the program.** No refunds can be made for the individual days during which the student is absent. Fees for this program for 2015 are \$330 per term. This program is run over the first three terms each year with the intentions of going to about 11 shows including Toowoomba Ag Show, Farmfest and Brisbane Royal (Ekka). Show schedules are subject to change annually as they are based around the curriculum requirements of the students and staff of the School.

### **DSHS Led Steers**

Each year, DSHS purchases and breeds steers for students to use in the led steer competitions and may also organise for our students to use stud cattle owned by co-operative partners for parading competitions during the show season.

### **Students Showing Their Own Cattle**

Students are encouraged to show their own animals with their family. It is however, not practical for DSHS to take responsibility for students or their cattle. Should students wish to show their own cattle, the Campus will not be responsible for the preparation, transport of the cattle or for the supervision of the student at the shows. Students representing the school in Junior Judging and Parading will be required to follow the ***Dalby State High School Behaviour Policy*** for the duration of any shows. Students' own cattle cannot be housed / located at the Campus due to space limitations.

### **Awards and Leadership Roles**

Leadership Roles will be awarded to the students that 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. These roles will be open to all those that are a part of the show cattle team. If at any time a student is on behaviour levels their position may be reviewed. Selection will be based on student vote and will be signed off on by the Leader/Teacher. There will be two cattle show captain roles awarded and a long with overall achievement awards will be handed out at the end of the each year to a student or students.

## **Members of the Cattle Show Team**

The Dalby State High School Cattle Show 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 in the school 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 Cattle Show Team are limited to ensure Occupational Health and Workplace Safety requirements are met in terms of cattle numbers and staffing. Both of these need to be appropriate to the skill level of the students. Team selection is at the discretion of the leader/teacher in charge and **ALL** school obligations must be up to date for a student to be able to attend shows.

When necessary team selection for traveling to shows will be based on the following criteria:

- **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. Students may be required to attend training sessions for some time before they are selected to compete with the team on the show circuit;
- **Student Behaviour and Attitude** – it is an expectation that any student involved with the Cattle Show Team will meet the DSHS expectations as outlined in the Cattle Show Team Code of Conduct (outlined below). Students must meet these expectations in order to be part of the Cattle Show Team.

## **Behaviour**

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

### **1. Respect**

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

### **2. Following Instructions**

- a. Instructions given by staff must be followed promptly and without complaint;
- b. 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;
- c. Staff and all team members should be treated with courtesy and respect.

### 3. Representing the School

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

### 4. Equipment

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

## Presentation of 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:

- 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, filling up hay nets, hanging up shed curtain with shed cards and any promotional signs, leaving all show boxes and equipment neat and tidy in the designated area;
- The cattle should 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;
- Record competition results.

### **Uniform Requirements**

The Dalby State High School Cattle Show 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. Some 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**

- Beige/cream jeans
- Dalby State High School long sleeve shirt
- Clean akubra
- Dalby State High School tie
- Clean polished boots
- Belt - (brown or black)
- School blazer (for Junior Judging event & presentations)
- Dust coat

#### **2. Work Uniform**

- Dark Blue jeans
- Work boots or gum boots (for washing)
- Dalby State High School Cattle Show Team Polo shirt
- Dalby State High School Cattle Show Team drizabone vest
- Akubra
- Black or brown belt.

#### **3. Extra Equipment**

- Boot polish
- Swag and personal hygiene/ toiletry items
- Pencil/pen & pocket notebook for judging
- Safety pins

### **Parent Support Group**

School support groups operate to assist in the running of particular activities within the School community and, through this, enhance students' experiences. All activities undertaken by parent supporters should be done so with the approval of the Principal in consultation with the co-ordinator of the activity.

### **Important Telephone Numbers**

Parents are asked to limit phone contact after hours unless the matter is **URGENT** (related to student safety for example). Messages can be left with reception and all staff are contactable during office hours. Dalby State High School Bunya Campus 07 4660 0333



## DALBY STATE HIGH SCHOOL BUNYA CAMPUS SHOW CATTLE PROGRAM CONSENT FORM

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

RESIDENTIAL STUDENT: YES / NO (please circle)

Please complete the required information and check all appropriate boxes below to indicate your agreement/consent:

- I give consent for my child to participate in the (please tick one)
- I have read all of the information contained in the *Show Cattle 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 (**in advance**), as outlined in the *Show Cattle 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 have provided the school all relevant details relating to my child's medical or physical needs on enrolment and where relevant have updated this information.
- 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.

PARENT / GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT / GUARDIAN NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_

**Additional medical information**

The school collected medical information about your child at enrolment. This information is stored in OneSchool. Please give full details of any new or changing conditions (medical, physical or management) which may affect your child's full participation in the activity described in the form.

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**You may also wish to provide the following information\*:**

Name of child's medical practitioner: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Medicare No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Private Health Insurance Company (if provided): \_\_\_\_\_ Membership No.: \_\_\_\_\_

\*If an enrolment form for your child has been completed or updated since October 2012 this information will already be recorded in OneSchool.

I would like this additional information about my child's medical and physical details to be recorded in OneSchool records.

**Privacy Notice**

*The Department of Education, Training and Employment is collecting the personal information requested in this form in order to:*

- *obtain lawful consent for your child to participate in the activity;*
- *help coordinate the activity;*
- *respond to any injury or medical condition that may arise during, or as a result of the activity; and*
- *update school records where necessary.*

*The information will only be accessed by authorised school staff and will be dealt with in accordance with the confidentiality requirements of s.426 of the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (Qld) and the Information Privacy Act 2009 (Qld).*

*The information will not be disclosed to any other person or agency unless it is for a purpose stated above, the disclosure is authorised or required by law, or you have given DET permission for the information to be disclosed.*

**Activity Risks & Insurance**

The activity outlined above carries an inherent risk of physical injury occurring. Please note that the Department of Education, Training and Employment does not have personal accident insurance cover for students. If your child is injured as a result of an accident or incident, all costs associated with the injury, including medical costs are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare. If you have private health insurance, some costs may be also be covered by your provider. Any other costs must be covered by parents/carers. It is up to all parents/carers to decide what types and what level of private insurance they wish to arrange to cover their child. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow your child to participate in this activity.