Buckingham House
EXCURSION MANAGEMENT PLAN

City of Wanneroo



Wanneroo Heritage Education

Purpose of the excursion

Students will explore Buckingham House and enjoy a range of hands-on activity stations where they can compare changes in household technologies and chores from the past to the present day. Activities include olden day washing and ironing, weighing on vintage scales, using a churner, and farm duties such as learning how to milk a pretend cow.

Students will also participate in a school lesson in the Old Wanneroo Schoolhouse which includes writing on slate boards and learning some traditional skills such as sewing.

This immersive experience brings history to life, giving students a glimpse of what life was like in the past in Wanneroo.

Years 1-3

Students connect themes of technology where they see first- hand how settler families completed domestic chores and ran a dairy farm. This allows students to make comparisons to the convenience of modern day appliances.

Schedule

9.15 - Arrival
9.30-9.50 Intro & timeline
9.50-10.50 4x Buckingham House rotational activities
10.50-11.10 Morning tea & games
11.10-12.00 2x school house rotational activities
12.00-12.15 Recap
12.15 Depart or stay for lunch until 12.45pm

Option to visit Wanneroo Regional Museum from 1pm.



Background history

1890 Buckingham House

John and Emily Amelia Buckingham and their seven children lived in Buckingham House. Although John first arrived in the colony in 1850 the land surrounding Buckingham House was not purchased until the 1870s and 1880s for grazing cattle. As graziers, their home was well situated close to Lake Joondalup to access water for their cattle and vegetable gardens.

The Buckingham family left the Wanneroo area in the late 1890s but retained ownership of Buckingham House and the surrounding land until the 1920s. The property was later home to several families, including the Togno and Neville families, who established dairy farms on the surrounding land.

1898 Old Wanneroo Schoolhouse

John Buckingham donated five acres of land for the construction of a school to the Education Department in 1898. He also gave £5 towards building costs. The Wanneroo School was opened on 30 January 1899 with Charles Shaw as teacher and 14 students enrolled. The East Wanneroo School (previously named Lake Jandabup School) was opened several years later in 1904, and closed in 1926 when the classroom was moved and joined to the Wanneroo School. The Wanneroo School was used until a new school was built in 1959.

After several moves, the old school was relocated next to Buckingham House in 2009.

Pre-excursion preparation

Please organise your class into four groups, with one parent/adult helper per group. Please provide name tags for your students, this supports the presenters and adult helpers.

Some activities and recess are outdoors; please remind children to dress appropriately, especially in the colder months - long sleeves are recommended and a hat/sunscreen for warmer weather. Please also wear enclosed shoes. We encourage students and adults to dress up in period costume to enhance their excursion experience of life in the olden days.

Please discuss behaviour expectations with students before attending the excursion. This includes staying with their group and supervising adults, listening carefully to instructions and walking safely through the house and grounds. Students must only touch objects or displays when City of Wanneroo staff have given permission.

On the day of the excursion

- Please bring a first aid kit and a mobile phone.
- On arrival, the group will receive a safety briefing and an introduction will occur.
- The program has two parts: a lesson in the Old Wanneroo Schoolhouse with sewing included; and the other part being a focus on chores at Buckingham House.
- Students will need to bring their own recess and water. **Damper making is no longer part of this excursion** due to health and safety regulation changes.
- Recess is approximately 20 minutes and is supervised by the teacher and parent/adult helpers. Old fashioned games are provided to further engage the students.
- Recess, hats and drink bottles can be left in the shade.

School supervisor team

Teacher and parent/adult helpers

Students must be accompanied throughout the excursion. The teacher and parent/adult helpers actively monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary to ensure the safety of the group. Some of the activities will be led by City of Wanneroo staff and volunteers, but they are not responsible for the supervision of students. Parent/adult helpers may be required to supervise an activity station. If this is the case, a briefing will be given. During recess, the teachers and adult helpers will directly supervise students.

As space is restricted at Buckingham House, the maximum size for a school group booking is 35 students. The City of Wanneroo requires 4-5 adult helpers only per excursion plus the class teacher (any student requiring one-on-one adult support is welcomed in addition to the above).



Further information

If you require any further information or would like to discuss program details, please contact:
Heritage Education Phone (08) 9405 5920
Email: museum@wanneroo.wa.gov.au
Post: City of Wanneroo, Locked Bag 1
Wanneroo WA 6946

Emergency response plan

Buckingham House is a small rural cottage with two external doors. The Old Schoolhouse classroom used for the program has one external door leading to a short corridor and an internal door. Exiting both buildings during an emergency is through the nearest external door if safe to exit.

In the event of an emergency it is essential that all visitors take directions from City of Wanneroo staff. If evacuation is essential, all visitors should assemble at the Meeting Point at the double gates on Neville Drive unless otherwise directed by a City of Wanneroo member of staff. The teacher is expected to carry a roll and must notify City of Wanneroo staff if any students are missing.

While a number of City of Wanneroo staff have First Aid training, it is the responsibility of the school to provide basic first aid to the students. Our staff will assist if possible.

External provider information

Working with Children Check

City of Wanneroo employees and heritage volunteers who work with school groups all possess a current Working With Children Check.

Public liability insurance

The City of Wanneroo is a public entity and is insured by Local Government Insurances. Public liability policy is for $100 million and the policy number is 000149. This amount exceeds the Education Department of Western Australia's public liability requirements. A Certificate of Currency is available from the City's website wanneroo.wa.gov.au
City of Wanneroo ABN - 64 295 981 165

Accessibility

Environment: Buckingham House is located on Neville Drive just off Scenic Drive near Lake Joondalup. The grounds have grassed areas with several large trees providing shade. The Old Wanneroo Schoolhouse is also located on the same site.

Toilets: Located next to the house and are wheelchair accessible.

Transport: This is the responsibility of the visiting school. Buses and cars belonging to parent/adult helpers can park in the public carpark at Neville Park on Scenic Drive and walk along the back to the side gate of Buckingham House located on the path toward the childcare centre. Parking on verges is not allowed.

Drop off area: Buses can drop off beside the main gates on Neville Drive.

Entry/access: the front section of Buckingham House is wheelchair accessible from the front entrance although larger electric wheelchairs may not fit through the front door.
There is a step down from the lounge to the kitchen, and a step from the kitchen to the back area. A pathway gives access behind the house and to the schoolhouse via a ramp.

Guide or assistance dogs: Visitors accompanied by a guide or assistance dog, or a dog undergoing such training, are welcome at Buckingham House.




JOONDALUP DRIVE
3.3km
PINJAR ROAD
WANNEROO
BUCKINGHAM HOUSE and THE OLD WANNEROO SCHOOLHOUSE
NEVILLE DRIVE
SCENIC DRIVE
ROAD
OCEAN REEF ROAD
4.8km
Lake Joondalup
CARRAMAR
JOONDALUP DR
BURNS BEACH RD
TAPPING
WANNEROO
JOONDALUP
LAKE JOONDALUP
BUCKINGHAM HOUSE
WANNEROO
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MITCHELL FWY
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