



GROWING FUTURE FARMERS PROGRAM

ABOUT

Phoenix Park Farm is a working organic farm adjacent to the Hunter River at Phoenix Park near Morpeth. The farm has mixed vegetable crops, citrus orchard, pasture raised eggs, honey production and fodder crops. We also have areas of improved and restored wildlife habitat and extensive riparian zones.

Our Growing Future Farmers program is an educational experience which utilises hands on farming and creative arts to enhance wellbeing, connection to country and a love of growing things. All whilst promoting the ideals of eating, living and farming sustainably.

HALF DAY EXCURSION

During this half day visit (3 hours) to Phoenix Park Farm students will have the opportunity to explore the farm and participate in hands-on activities providing students a first-hand experience into the life of a farmer.

After consultation with your school Farmer Jesse will put together a suitable program of activities for your visit. A list of topic areas for activities are listed below. **For more information about these please contact us.**

- Get Your Grow On
- Weather Or Not
- Animals
- It Ain't Just Dirt
- Nutrient Cycles
- Flower Power
- Creepy Crawly
- Pattern Detective
- All About Plants
- Smart Sprout

Please note this list is not exclusive. Our teaching staff are always adapting and expanding their activities to provide engaging learning experiences.

SCHOOL TERM PROGRAM

The School Term Program is delivered over 10 weeks and involves a weekly visit to Phoenix Park Farm. Students will be assigned a plot of land and will have the opportunity to grow their own vegetables, care for small livestock and learn skills associated with maintaining a vegetable patch. Along with farm jobs, each session will also include a different learning activity from the topics listed above. At the end of the term program students will graduate as Junior Farmers.



FEE SCHEDULE

HALF DAY EXCURSION – 3 HOURS

- \$900 (incl. GST) for up to 30 students
- \$1350 (incl. GST) for up to 60 students

Inclusions:

- Two hours of structured hands-on farm activities tailored to Stage of students
- Delivered by qualified & experienced science teacher and farmer
- Additional staff for larger group sizes
- All farming materials and equipment
- Additional time to enjoy lunch on the farm and chat to Farmer Jesse
- Visit report from Phoenix Park Farm for the School to share with families

SCHOOL TERM PROGRAM

- \$4499 (incl. GST) for up to 30 students

Inclusions:

- Weekly one hour structured hands-on farm activities tailored to Stage of students
- Delivered by qualified and experienced science teacher and farmer
- Use of iPads for some activities to enhance learning experience
- All farming materials and equipment
- Additional time to enjoy recess or lunch at the farm (supervised by school staff only)
- Graduation and certificate at end of school term program



OUTCOMES

The following outcomes can be linked to activities as part of your kids to farm excursion. If you have any requirements, please discuss with us prior to your visit.

STAGE 1:

- Observes, questions & collects data to communicate and compare ideas ST11WS-S
- Uses materials, tools & equipment to develop solutions for a need or opportunity ST1-2DP-T
- Describes observable features of living things and their environments ST1-4LW-S
- Identifies how plants and animals are used for food and fibre products ST1-5LW-T
- Describes features of places and the connections people have with places GE1-1

STAGE 2:

- Questions, plans and conducts scientific investigations, collects and summarises data and communicates using scientific representations ST2-1WS-S
- Selects & uses materials, tools & equipment to develop solutions for a need or opportunity ST2-2DP-T
- Compares features and characteristics of living and non-living things ST2-4LW-S
- Describes how agricultural processes are used to grow plants & raise animals for food, clothing & shelter ST2-5LW-T
- Examines features and characteristics of places and environments GE2-1
- Describes the ways people, places and environments interact GE2-2

STAGE 3:

- Plans and conducts scientific investigations to answer testable questions, and collects and summarises data to communicate conclusions ST3-1WS-S
- Plans & uses materials, tools & equipment to develop solutions for a need or opportunity ST3-2DP-T
- Explains how food and fibre are produced sustainably in managed environments for health and nutrition ST3-5LW-T



ABOUT THE VISIT

STUDENTS SHOULD BRING: lunch, enclosed leather footwear, hat, sunscreen, water and a sense of adventure.

Phoenix Park Farm Staff rely on the participation of visiting teachers to supervise and manage visiting students. Visiting teachers are ultimately responsible for the behaviour of students, students with existing medical conditions or students with special needs.



ABOUT US

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Jesse is a former Head Teacher Science specialising in Physics and Biology. He has extensive experience teaching high school science across the state and internationally. He has been farming and growing things his whole life and is currently working the family farm.



TESTIMONIAL – CLASSROOM TEACHER

“Jesse has created engaging and interesting activities that cater for a range of ages and interests. The students love participating in Jesse’s classes and are always keen to welcome him into our classroom. Jesse’s calm and warm manner is evident every time he visits, and the students have loved working with him”.