



SCHOOL EXCURSION INFORMATION

Activities for Students and Teachers at Bendigo Art Gallery

Throughout the year, Bendigo Art Gallery offers school tours, workshops and events for students, as well as professional development opportunities for teachers. To keep up-to-date with what's going on, join our [Learn Newsletter Mailing List](#), our [Facebook Group](#) or check out our [website](#).

Student & Teacher Expectations

Bendigo Art Gallery is committed to the conservation of our collections and as such, we request that all teachers maintain responsibility for the behaviour of students at all times.

Our Learn Team will run through the Gallery conditions of entry upon arrival, but to help with your planning, please keep in mind that:

- ▶ No pens are to be used in the Gallery (pencils are ok & clipboards are available for use),
- ▶ All backpacks should be kept in the bus as there is very limited capacity for bags at reception,
- ▶ There is no touching of any artwork,
- ▶ Students will need to keep together and walk (not run), and are requested to keep noise at a minimum in respect of other Gallery visitors, and
- ▶ No food or drinks are permitted in the gallery.

Where to Have Lunch

Please note that the Gallery Café at the back of the Gallery (including the outdoor dining area) is for café patrons only. Rosalind Park is situated behind the Bendigo Art Gallery and is a perfect place for students to eat lunch and have a run.

Wet Weather

There are no umbrellas allowed inside the Gallery. If you do have umbrellas, you can leave them in the allocated tubs at the front of the Gallery. Before or after their excursion, students can access the stands at Queen Elizabeth Oval where they can shelter, eat, and play undercover (see map on the next page for the location of undercover area, toilets etc.)

What Else to Do While You're in Bendigo

If you're coming to Bendigo Art Gallery, you might also like to visit the La Trobe Art Institute (just across the road). To do so, you will need to book in advance by contacting [LAI directly](#). [Bendigo Venues & Events](#) offer opportunities for schools to engage with artists, watch a performance, or participate in a masterclass. You may wish to visit Djaa Djuwima, a dedicated and permanent First Nations Gallery owned by the City of Greater Bendigo and located at the Bendigo Visitor Centre. And finally, the Golden Dragon Museum is within walking distance of the gallery and offers a unique cultural experience for students. For other ideas when visiting Bendigo, check out the [Explore Bendigo page](#).

Bendigo Art Gallery Safety Information

To help with Risk Assessment documentation, Bendigo Art Gallery Venue and Safety information is available on request.

Students with Additional Needs

Please let the Learn team know if your students have any additional needs. We have two wheelchairs available for booking, accessible toilets, and will do our best to make all accommodations where possible.

Please note however that some of our exhibitions may include dark spaces, videos, flickering lights, and sounds. If you feel that any of your students would benefit from using a Social Story before their visit, please let us know at the time of your booking enquiry. Please also note that aides and carers are welcome to take students outside or to a quiet area during tours.

Bus Subsidies

Funding is available to schools in the Loddon Campaspe region to cover the transport costs associated with attending arts, cultural and educational experiences, thanks to the Department of Transport and Planning. The Loddon Campaspe Student Excursion Program aims to give regional and rural students better access to arts and cultural activities within the Loddon Campaspe region.

If your school would benefit from this assistance program, please complete an application form via [Application form - Loddon Campaspe Student Excursion Program - Formstack](#) to apply for the Loddon Campaspe Student Excursion Program. You will be contacted within 7 days to let you know if your application was successful.

Bus Parking

If your bus needs to park somewhere for an extended period of time, we suggest that they park at the Tom Flood Sports Centre.

