

Broome Historical Society

School Visit Policy



The Broome Historical Museum will take children on a voyage of discovery that covers the history of Broome with specific reference to the pearling industry, Aboriginal people of the area, both World Wars including the aerial attack of Broome in 1942, Broome's multicultural society and many other topics.

Venue, Transport & Access

The Broome Museum includes a three-building precinct. The Main Museum is a stone brick building erected in the 1890's that served for many years as Broome's Bond Store. The Rae Val Annexe is a renovated 1950s building that served as the mess during the building of Broome's deep-water port, and Sailmaker's Shed is a c1895 fully renovated original pearling shed.

The Museum has a large, grassed area that contains exhibits and a shady pagoda with tables and chairs. Students can consume drinks and food in the yard.

All Museum buildings and toilets have universal access ramps, and we have a disabled toilet.

The large car park at the Town Beach Reserve can allow children safe access to the Museum from a bus, and parking is available.

Supervisory Team

The visit is a self-guided tour; however, most of our volunteers have special knowledge and experiences of Broome's history and are always willing to assist.

We recommend the Minimum Supervisory Requirements:

- Primary: Ratio of 1 adult to every 6 children
- Secondary: Ratio of 1 adult to every 8 students (additional helpers preferred)

The maximum group size is 20 students – larger groups may be possible by arrangement. It is recommended that students be divided into groups of 6-8 students and the groups be rotated around different exhibitions to facilitate good viewing of the exhibits.

No set information is provided to students and supervisors at the commencement of the excursion. It's expected that teachers advise their students on the appropriate behaviour in a public environment: i.e. respect and awareness of other museum-going patrons, no running or shouting.

Cost for School Visits

Visits by school groups to the Broome Museum are free of charge. Donations of a gold coin by students towards the running costs of the Museum are always most gratefully received. Tax invoices for bulk donations are emailed to the school.

TV Room Available

For groups of 20 or more, we recommend splitting the class in two and having half watch a film while the other half tour the Museum, then exchanging groups halfway through the visit. A list of available films is available from administration.

Other Things to Do at Town Beach

Broome's Town Beach is a historic precinct. The [Explore Broome](#) app offers a rich, immersive visitor experience and gives voice to local stories through the Town Beach trail.

Worksheets available for school visits

Primary Worksheet: Suitable for Years 3-6, which aligns with the Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum. Teacher Notes Available.

Secondary Worksheet: Suitable for years 8-10 and aligns with the history strand of the Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum, particularly for years 9 and 10. Teacher Notes Available.

Look and Find Quiz – Three levels from non-reader (treasure hunt in museum) to Level 3 – lower primary.

Basic Worksheet – Basic question and answer sheet on the Museum exhibits. Suitable for middle primary – lower secondary school.

All worksheets are available on the Broome Museum website and include objects housed in the main museum building. Please print these out before arriving; we have plenty of clipboards and pencils.

Insurance & Emergency Plan

Broome Historical Museum is a public building and has a Public Liability insurance policy of \$20 million. A Certificate of Currency and Emergency Evacuation Plan can be provided on request.

Further information may be found on the museum's website at:

<http://broomemuseum.org.au/education>

Bookings are essential; please contact Museum Administration with your proposed date, time, year groups and class numbers. or use the [form on our website](#)

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