



Information for Teachers



The Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum is the home of the internationally renowned Somerville Collection, the lifetime work of Professor Warren Somerville.

The museum offers a range of accessible and engaging displays for school groups:

- Look a Tyrannosaurus Rex skeleton in the eye.
- Learn about life on earth from two billion year old single cell organisms to recent Australian Megafauna.
- See spectacular gold, gems and other precious specimens.
- Discover what some everyday objects such as toothpaste, computer chips, camera film and car brake pads are made from

Learning Outcomes

Our education programs cater for all age groups and many learning styles. Learn about:

- Earth and its surroundings
- Living things and life on Earth
- Products and services
- Geological time scale
- Evolution of Australian biota
- Earth and environmental science
- Gold and other minerals - how they formed they are used

Location

224 Howick St Bathurst 2795

Opening Hours

Open 10am-4pm Mon-Sat 10am-2pm Sun

Contact Details

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Education Visits

Type of Education Visit

Education visits can be either:

Self guided tour	Maximum number 200 \$5 per student
Guided education session	Maximum Number 90 \$7 per student
Video Conference Sessions	Contact the museum for scheduled sessions

Supervising adults: We provide free admission for one supervising adult for every:

- student with special needs
- 5 pre-school and infant students
- 10 primary and junior secondary students
- 15 senior secondary and tertiary students

Booking an education visit: A booking sheet is included in this document. Please email, phone or fax the following details to the museum:

- Preferred dates
- Arrival time
- Approximate Number of students visiting
- Years or Stages of groups
- Self guided visit or planned Education Session with a staff member.
- No of supervising adults
- Contact details of the person organising the visit as well and details of the school or group
- Email contact

Payment

When you arrive for your visit, please confirm the student numbers at the Museum's admissions desk.. We take cash and cheques or can send an invoice your school.. This invoice will be generated after your visit. Cheques should to be made payable to Bathurst Regional Council.

Information Sheets

Self Guided Visit: Groups will be sent an activity sheet to bring with them to complete during the visit. It is the responsibility of the school to print and distribute education sheets. They are also available on our website www.somervillecollection.com.au

School activity sheets; School activity sheets are available on our website. These are not intended to be completed during your museums visit.

Museum Shop

Museum shop - we have a selection of items under \$5 that students may wish to purchase as part of their visit. We request that no more than 10 students are in the shop at any one time. Please ensure students are supervised at all times in the shop area.



What should we bring?

- Lots of questions!
- Cameras - photography is permitted in all parts of the museum, however please do not photograph the amber fossils using a flash. Amber is light sensitive.
- Museum shop - we have a selection of items under \$5 that students may wish to purchase as part of their visit. If your students wish to purchase souvenirs, please let your tour guide know. We will send students to the shop in small groups throughout the tour to ensure you are not late for your coach pickup.
- We have limited space for bags. Please leave bags on the bus if possible.
- Self guided visits: Something write or draw with and photocopied activity sheets from the Education Kit

Preview visits by teachers

Please contact the Museum at any stage to receive a free teacher pass a that allows you to visit the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum for free prior to your excursion.

Other Important Information

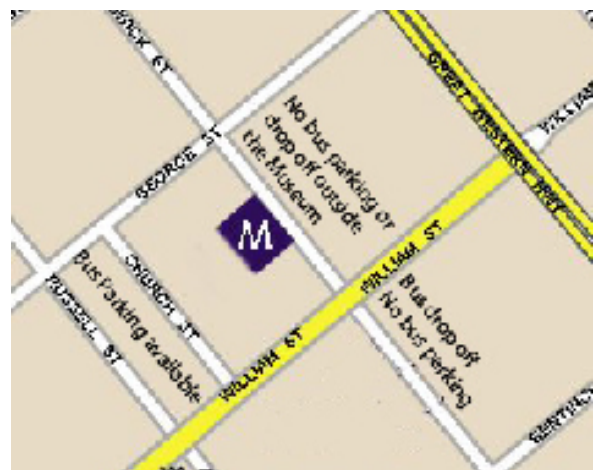
- Toilets - there are toilets on the Museum site but not inside the main exhibition building.. Please ensure adult supervision of school students attending the toilets.
- Food and drink - there is no eating or drinking inside the Museum. There is a courtyard where food and drink may be consumed.
- **Museum shop - We request that no more than 10 students are in the shop at any one time. Please ensure students are supervised at all times in the shop area.**

Bus Drop-off Point

There is no bus parking or stopping directly outside the Museum.

The public bus drop off point on the corner of William and Howick Streets does not have bus parking available.

The closest parking for coaches is outside the Courthouse in Russell St or Church Street, Bathurst.





Risk Assessment

The following information can be used for a Risk Assessment of a visit to the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum

There is no bus parking or stopping directly outside the Museum. The public bus drop off point on the corner of William and Howick Streets does not have bus parking available. The closest parking for coaches is outside the Courthouse in Russell St or Church Street, Bathurst. Students will be required to cross roads to reach the Museum. School supervision will be required.

Car parking for small vehicles allowing egress away from traffic is provided.

Disabled ramp access to the Museum

Disabled toilet provided with ramp and handrails.

Toilet facilities are outside the main building. Access via one step. School supervision is required.

Ramp from Mineral to Fossil gallery with handrail.

Staircase in the fossil gallery with handrail. Requires school supervision.

Emergency Lighting Installed

Fire Alarm system connected to the Bathurst Fire Brigade



Contact Details

School Name _____

School Address _____

Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Booking Agent _____

Booking Contact Name _____ Phone _____

Booking Agent email _____

Visit Details

Requested visit date _____

Time Arrive _____ Time Depart _____

Number of students _____ Year group _____

Number of supervising adults _____

- Self guided visit 1 hour (\$5/student)
- Education session 1.5 hour (\$7 student)

Please pay by cash or cheque when you arrive at the AFMM, or confirm final number with the admissions desk and we can invoice your group. Cheques should be made payable to: Bathurst Regional Council

Please return this form to the Australian Fossil and Mineral Museum
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Or email details to: somerville@bathurst.nsw.gov.au Phone: 02 63315511