

EXCURSION MANAGEMENT PLAN

SAMSON HOUSE

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1. Educational Purpose of the Excursion

The National Trust delivers and supports education and learning experiences that engage students with their history and heritage in order to instil a commitment to valuing heritage.

A visit to Samson House supports the Australian Curriculum by providing opportunities to develop historical skills, knowledge and understandings; explore cross curriculum priorities; and make links to other learning areas.

Visiting Samson House gives students a connection with the historic, social, aesthetic and spiritual heritage of Western Australia. A visit allows students to:

- develop an interest in and enjoyment of an historic place;
- gain historic knowledge and appreciation;
- practice historical concepts; and
- undertake historical inquiry.

A visit to Samson House is particularly suited to learning about the period 1829 to 1982 and the Samson family connection to the founding of Fremantle and their significant contribution to the establishment of the colony through their businesses and interests. Excursion content can be tailored to suit individual teacher's needs. Australian Curriculum programmes are available for years 2, 5 and 6.

View our resources and programmes at www.nationaltrust.org.au/wa then contact the National Trust to discuss your needs.

2. Students' Capacity

The National Trust welcomes students from Years 2 – 12 and the programmes at Samson House have been adapted to accommodate the learning needs of all primary and secondary students.

A maximum of 30 students can be accommodated on the site at any one time. A tour of the house and activities are organised in rotation so only small groups of students are in the house at one time. The National Trust has optional programmes available to accommodate larger groups of students. Please contact National Trust Education Staff on 9321 6088 to discuss your requirements. A typical excursion takes between two and four hours (with breaks for morning tea etc) and includes a guided tour of the house and related activities.

The grounds are accessible for wheelchairs however not all parts of the building have wheelchair access. There is one unisex public toilet.

3. Supervisory Team

Responsibility for maintaining student behaviour and welfare remains with the attending teacher. National Trust staff will lead, demonstrate, perform and present activities but will not undertake any roles in a supervisory context.

It is the responsibility of the school to develop a supervisory team that meets their specific requirements, in line with the recommendation for supervision outlined in this document. A maximum of 30 students can be accommodated during a visit. Groups rotate through a variety of hands on activities including a tour of the house.

The school supervisory team is asked to prepare students for an excursion to this venue using the briefing information provided within this document, and must accompany the students throughout the visit to actively monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary.

The recommended ratios may vary according to the needs of your students. Please advise if you have students with special needs so we can attempt to maximise the benefit of their visit.

This venue has a maximum group size of 45 students and it is suggested that school supervisory teams consist of:

- K – Year 2: 1 adult to 5 students
- Year 3 – 6: 1 adult to 10 students
- Year 7 – 12: 1 adult to 15 students

The National Trust advises school staff to familiarise themselves with the site before bringing a group.

4. Supervision Strategies

The development of appropriate supervision strategies is the responsibility of individual schools. The school supervisory team must accompany the students throughout the visit to actively monitor behaviour and intervene as necessary. Your group may be divided into smaller groups. Your National Trust Education Officer will advise how many groups, dependent on the specifics of your booking. It is recommended that you have one supervisor for each group. In line with Department Policy, it is recommended that supervisors not be permitted to take their own children on an excursion, unless the children are members of the student group for whom the excursion is intended.

5. Identification of Excursion Participants

Identification of excursion participants is the responsibility of the school, however we require students and school supervisory team members to be easily identifiable for both identification and education and learning activities with the National Trust. Suggestions include name tags, school uniform if appropriate for the activities, small group identification. Name tags may assist in personalising the experience but their use as at the discretion of the school.

6. Communication Strategies

It is advisable that school staff collaborate with National Trust staff to identify a central meeting point and communicate this clearly to students at the beginning of the excursion. National Trust staff work to a timetable for the day's activities so that groups come together for breaks if scheduled and at the conclusion of the visit.

7. Briefing Students and Supervisors

Prior to a visit to Samson House, teachers can prepare students for the experience by:

- discussing an appropriate code for conduct for students;
- establishing clear supervision strategies;
- discussing emergency procedures consistent with the emergency response plan for the property; and
- talking to students about the heritage value of this venue.

At the beginning of each visit National Trust staff will inform the school supervisory team and students of:

- their responsibilities and obligations;
- location of the toilet;
- rules for the visit including boundaries;
- emergency procedures; and
- the heritage value of this venue.

Lunches may be left on the verandah for the duration of the visit. Property that is left unattended is done so at student and visitors own risk and no responsibility for loss or damage is accepted by the National Trust. It is recommended that valuables are not brought on the excursion.

8. Travel Arrangements

Transportation to and from the venue is the responsibility of the school. Pedestrian access to Samson House is through the gate located on Ellen Street. Limited parking for cars is available on the street. The National Trust recommends all visitors carefully read all City of Fremantle signs with regards to parking limits and fees payable. No onsite parking available and the National Trust accepts no responsibility for parking fines issued during a visit to Samson House. Buses will need to drop students at the gate on Ellen Street. The National Trust accepts no responsibility for transport left unattended.

9. Venue / Site for the Excursion

Lionel Samson and his brother William arrived on the first merchant ship to reach the Swan River Colony in 1829. Built in 1882, Samson House was built by Lionel's son Michael as a family home. Occupied by two generations, it was lived in until 1984. The house has wide verandahs and two areas of lawn for educational activities. Whilst located on the corner of Ord and Ellen Streets the property is fenced and is closed to the public. Water on site is unsuitable for drinking. All visitors will need to bring sufficient water and food for the duration of their visit.

10. External Providers

Clearances

National Trust Education Officers, Presenters and Assistants hold current "Working with Children Check" and cards can be provided on request.

Current Accreditations and Qualifications

National Trust Education Officers hold tertiary qualifications and are experienced teachers. All staff presenting our programmes at Samson House are trained in the delivery of National Trust heritage education and learning programmes.

11. Insurance Cover for Excursions

Public Liability Insurance

Insurer: RiskCover

Amount: \$600 million

Professional Indemnity Insurance

Insurer: RiskCover

Amount: \$300 million

Certificates of Currency will be provided upon request.

12. Students who are Billeted

The National Trust does not provide overnight accommodation at Samson House.

13. Emergency Response Planning

Schools will have their own Emergency Response Plan pertaining to the particular needs of their students. Teachers can increase safety by ensuring they meet the minimum supervision requirements and by strongly encouraging students to remain with their groups at all times.

Communication between the school and staff visiting Samson House is the responsibility of the school. The National Trust recommends that the school supervisory team has access to a mobile telephone that they can be contacted on, and which they can use to make telephone calls. Should the school need to contact their staff during a visit they may telephone head office on 08 9321 6088.

Samson House has an emergency response plan in place. The Evacuation Procedure is available on request by telephoning 08 9321 6088.

In the event of a site emergency, school supervisory teams are required to follow the directions of National Trust staff. In the event of an evacuation teachers will be required to conduct a roll call and must notify National Trust staff immediately if any students are missing.

It is suggested that school staff have access to a list of names of participating students, contact numbers, students' medical information and relevant health information of supervisors. It is recommended that school staff carry a First Aid kit with them during the excursion. It is the responsibility of the school to provide first aid to students. National Trust staff will assist if possible.

14. Detailed Cost of the Excursion

Full details are available by contacting National Trust Education Officers on 08 9321 6088 or by emailing trust@ntwa.com.au. All prices quoted are inclusive of GST. Staff and parents that accompany a school group are welcome and are free of charge. A minimum charge per group is applicable where numbers fall below the minimum threshold. The National Trust will invoice your school after your visit so that only students that attend the excursion are charged for.

15. Information to Parents for their Consent

A *Parent Information and Consent Form* template is available for download from [Department of Education](#). Refer to Appendix F within the Excursion Policy v2.2. Adherence to these requirements is the responsibility of the school.

Cancellations

The National Trust will give 24 hours notice if your excursion needs to be cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances.

The National Trust appreciates 24 hours notice if the school needs to cancel due to weather, environmental conditions or unforeseen circumstances. Same day cancellations and failure to attend will incur a minimum charge.

This information is effective from 31st January 2016

SAMSON HOUSE EVACUATION PLAN

