



Planning your visit

School Education programs



Introduction

The Museum of Fire tells the story of Fire and Rescue through objects, historic vehicles and interactive displays.

With fire appliances dating back to the early 1800's the Museum of Fire stands as a fitting monument to the heroic firefighters who support our communities. The steam engines, horse drawn carts, manual pumps and modern motorized engines also highlight how transportation has changed over the years.

Primary School groups are welcome at the Museum of Fire on any weekday during the school term. We are open 7-days a week 9:30am - 4:30pm (except Good Friday and Christmas Day).

Your visit will typically lasts about 3-hours, but it can be tailored to suit your needs. The visit includes an education talk based on the school curriculum, Emergency Services role play experience, a teacher-guided tour of the Museum and a ride on a Fire Engine.

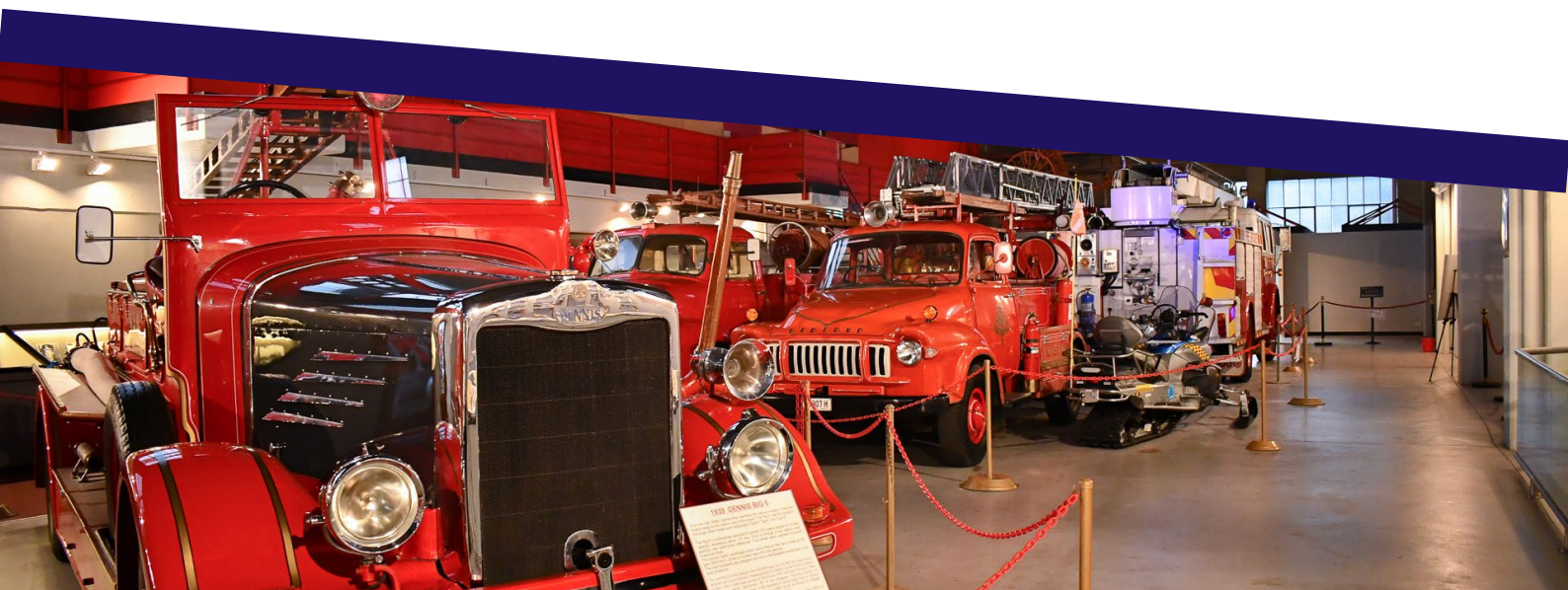
Early Stage 1 - Stage 2: People in the Community

This program engages students in learning about what Firefighters do and how they do their job. Students are encouraged to take part in a role play scenario which highlights the role of all emergency services and asks students to recall what they have learned about being helpers in the community, especially Firefighters.

Stage 3 - Bushfires

This program discusses the impact of bushfires on the environment. Students are asked to think about how bushfires differ from fire within the built-up environment and discuss how we can prevent bushfires. Students also learn how fire can be good for the environment and how Aboriginal people use fire to shape their environment.

This document has been developed to help you prepare for your visit to the Museum of Fire. It provides an overview of how to make a booking, the Museum's location and opening hours, information about what you can expect on the day, and contact information if you have any further enquiries.



How to make a booking

There are two ways for you to make a booking with us.

1. Using our [Online Booking Request Form](#)
2. Over the phone by calling us on (02) 4731 3000.

After we receive your booking request, we will email you written confirmation. When you receive your booking confirmation please check that all details are correct.

Invoicing is available for school groups.

Location and opening hours

The Museum of Fire is located in Penrith, Western Sydney in the heritage listed former Penrith Power Station at 1 Museum Drive, Penrith. The Museum is about an hour west of Sydney, and makes for a great day visit, or stop-off destination on your way to/from the Blue Mountains.

Getting here by car

From the M4 Motorway, take the Mulgoa Road exit towards Penrith. Follow Tourist Drive #14 north along Mulgoa Road and Castlereagh Road. The Museum entrance is located 1 km north of the Panthers Entertainment Centre on the right-hand side of the road after the railway underpass bridge. The entrance can easily be identified by a 1942 Dennis fire engine that is raised 4 metres off the ground.

Getting here by train

The Penrith Railway station is located directly behind the Museum and is a 500 metre walk (approximately 5 minutes) from the platform to the Museum's side entry gate. Follow signs to Penrith North from the station and walk towards the multistory station carpark. The pedestrian gate is located on Combewood Avenue.



Castlereagh Road entrance



Pedestrian access from Combewood Avenue

Before your visit

Advanced bookings are essential for all educational groups. Make a booking, using our [Online Booking Request Form](#) or over the phone by calling us on (02) 4731 3000.

The minimum number required for school groups is 15 students. However, if you have fewer than 15 students and would still like to book the school education package you can pay the minimum of 15 students.

Prices for School visits to the Museum are \$12.50 per student. This includes entry to the Museum, an education talk based on the school curriculum, Emergency Services role play experience, a teacher-guided tour of the Museum and a ride on a Fire Engine. The Supervisor-to-Student Ratios is 1:10 for K-6 and 1:4 for special needs with any additional adult helpers charged at \$9.50 per person (prices effective from 1 August 2023). A **non-refundable deposit** of \$187.50 (15 students) must be paid in total 2 weeks before the date of your booking. If the deposit has not been paid a week prior to your booking, your booking will be cancelled.

Before arriving at the Museum please talk to your students about appropriate behaviour whilst visiting the Museum. We ask that students do not run while in the Museum building, remain behind display barrier chains and do not touch objects. Please also ask your students to be considerate of other guests while in the Museum.

The school education package typically lasts about 3-hours, but it can be tailored to be as short or long as you need.

Should you require pre- and post- visit activities for the classroom, we recommend that you visit the [Fire and Rescue New South Wales website](#), the [New South Wales Rural Fire Service website](#), and our [Junior firefighters online exhibition](#)

On arrival

We suggest that you plan to arrive 30 minutes before your allocated session as this will provide sufficient time to use the facilities, have morning tea, and get settled in.

Bus parking is available on site in our carpark on the right as you enter. Buses may drop students off at the entrance to the Museum before parking.

Toilets are located both inside and outside the Museum, signage will direct. Otherwise ask a staff member for assistance.

Your group should gather just outside the main entrance 10 minutes before your session start time. A staff member should then proceed to the Gift Shop to advise Museum staff of your arrival.

A Museum staff member will then take control of the group, facilitate backpack storage (if required), and remind students of appropriate behaviour while at the Museum.

On the day

To enhance your experience, your booking time will be reserved exclusively for your group. Please note however, the Museum will remain open to the general public.

A typical 3-hour visit with a session start time of 10:30am may look something like the below table, this is based off a smaller group size. Times will vary depending on the size of your group, students may be split up into smaller groups and rotate between the three activities (Fire Safety talk, fire engine rides, and teacher-guided tour).

Time	Activity	Details
10:00 - 10:25am	Arrival	Time for students to use facilities, have morning tea, and get settled in.
10:25 - 10:30am	Welcome	A Museum staff member will greet the school staff and students and remind them of expected behaviour.
10:30 - 11:00am	Fire Safety talk and Emergency Services role play experience	Students will begin their museum excursion with an education talk, which will be followed by an interactive experience involving Emergency Service vehicles and uniforms. Students will also learn how Emergency Service personnel respond to 000 calls
11:00 - 11:30am	Fire engine rides	A ride in a genuine Ford D200 fire truck. These trucks were used in country NSW during the 1960s.
11:30am - 12:00pm	Teacher-guided tour	Detailed teacher guide notes are prepared for the teacher-led tour. These contain suggested prompts and questions to help encourage student interaction.
12:00 - 12:30pm	Lunch	Shared tables and chairs are available outside in the picnic grounds
12:30pm - departure	Free time in the Museum	You are welcome to explore the Museum until you are ready to depart

For morning tea and lunch shared tables and chairs are provided outside the Museum in our picnic area. The Museum does not have a retail outlet for food and beverages so please make sure you bring your own food. Food is not to be consumed inside the Museum. In incidents of rain alternative arrangements can be made. All areas of the Museum, including our toilets, are wheelchair accessible. Disabled access is via the main entrance.

Students are welcome to take photographs inside the Museum.

Any further questions?

If you have any other questions you are welcome to contact us:

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For more information about planning your visit, accessibility, and about the Museum visit our website www.museumoffire.net

We are always happy to hear about your experience at the Museum, so if you have any comments or queries, please let us know.

