

HOLIDAY PROGRAM FACT SHEET



Valley Park Riding School

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Valley Park Bookings - **0475 00 00 88**

Looking for something fun during the holidays or wanting to improve your riding skills? Why not come and spend a day learning how to care for and ride horses?

The holiday programs are designed for children aged 5-16 of any ability. You can come along for 1 day only or book multiple days.

We offer a supervised environment with experienced instructors and staff, many of whom are **Horse Safety Australia accredited**.

VPRS is an accredited delivery centre for Equestrian Australia's Ready Set Trot program. The VPRS holiday program includes activities from the Ready Set Trot syllabus. Ready Set Trot aims to introduce children to horses and provide them with a better understanding of horsemanship in a fun and exciting way. Ready Set Trot strives to teach children the fundamentals of horsemanship, allow them to sample opportunities within the horse industry and build a lifelong passion for horses.

DAILY HOLIDAY PROGRAM – STANDARD PROGRAM

Each child is given their own pony to ride and care for on the day with a structured riding lesson in the morning and fun and games after lunch.

The day consists of practical handling and horse management skills and at least 3 hours of riding per day. Riding takes place in the morning and afternoon.

If, during the course of the day the weather deteriorates, VPRS reserves the right to deliver theory and/or play fun and games indoors in lieu of riding if it is deemed unsafe to ride. Riding takes place in the rain; it is generally only severe storms which will impact whether or not riding takes place.

During the Spring/Summer holidays the day commences at 9.00am and concludes at 3.00pm. If you need to drop off or pick up your child outside of these hours, we also offer after program care called the 'Farm Experience'. The Farm Experience gives the kids the opportunity to see what it would really be like to own your own horse/pony. Feeding, rugging, general horse care and poo picking up duties are all part of the 'Farm Experience'. Additional charges apply.

HOW MUCH IS THE HOLIDAY PROGRAM?

The standard holiday program which runs from 9am – 3pm is \$160 per child, per day (including GST).

The 'Farm Experience' after program care which runs from 3pm – 5pm is \$40 per child (including GST).

Riders may be booked into one day or multiple days.

DO YOU OFFER DISCOUNTS FOR MULTIPLE BOOKINGS?

Bookings of (a) 3 or more days; or (b) 3 or more children from the same family, into any of our Holiday Programs attract a 5% discount.

Riders are welcome to book multiple days. Our syllabus allows for different activities throughout the week. Whilst the structure of the day will be the same, no two days games and activities will be the same.

RIDER CHECKLIST:

What do I wear?

- Long pants - jodphurs, jeans, tracksuit pants, long pants (no shorts or skirts)
- Long or short sleeved shirt, warm jumper, rain jacket (t shirt or collared/polo shirt, no singlets)
- Fully enclosed shoes with a small heel, riding boots, or gumboots. No sneakers or runners. We have a limited number of riding boots available for you to wear

What do I bring?

- Completed VPRS Consent and Indemnity & Student Registration Forms for every rider
- You can bring your own helmet (Aust Stand 3838) or we will supply you with a helmet on the day
- Sunscreen and hat for the warmer months
- Waterproof jacket and warm jumper for the colder months
- Drinks so you stay well hydrated
- Food/snacks (please be mindful of other attendees and follow regular school protocols re peanuts and other allergens)
- All personal items to be clearly labelled with your name & phone number

RIDING TAKES PLACE IN ALL WEATHER CONDITIONS

Only when the temperature exceeds 38°C or above and/or severe weather conditions will cause the cancellation of the holiday program.

Riding will still take place in the rain. VPRS will notify the responsible person if the holiday program is cancelled due to inclement weather. Call us no sooner than 1 hour prior to the booking for an update.

Ensure your child has a warm rain jacket in case of rain. Children are required to wear appropriate clothing to enable them to ride in all weather conditions.

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DO YOU OFFER DAILY PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN WHO BREAK UP EARLIER THAN OTHERS?

If you create your own group (6 riders) we can offer a customised daily holiday program. If you have a group of less than 6 riders we can look at tailoring a ½ day holiday program for your group.

Give us a call or send an email (info@valleyparkriding.com.au) if you'd like us to tailor a package to suit your needs.

Group discounts are not available on specially tailored packages.

IF MY CHILD LIKES RIDING, CAN THEY CONTINUE THEIR RIDING WITH YOU AND PARTICIPATE IN THE READY SET TROT PROGRAM?

Absolutely! We deliver the Ready Set Trot program to all of our regular Term Group riders. Green Ribbon is the first of the 4 Ribbon levels. Students can purchase the Green Ribbon Participation Pack for the low cost of \$55.00. This pack is available for purchase from our office. The cost of the subsequent Yellow, Red and Blue Ribbon levels is only \$27.00 per level.

WHAT ARE THE DATES OF THE HOLIDAY PROGRAMS?

Please refer to the Holiday Program Booking Sheet, Facebook, or the News/Updates page on our website.

WHAT DO I NEED TO WEAR AND BRING?

Please refer to the Rider Checklist on page 1. Additional information is also outlined below and please ensure your child has a warm rain jacket. You are also welcome (and encouraged) to pack a spare change of clothing.

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WHAT WE SUPPLY:

We provide, free of charge, safety helmets and boots for everyone.

Merchandise and safety vests are available for purchase (at special VIP rates) from the VPRS office. Purchasing equipment is only necessary if you wish for your child to own their own boots, helmet, jodhpurs or safety vest.

LIKE TO SECURE YOUR PLACE IN THE HOLIDAY PROGRAM?

Complete and return the Holiday Program Booking Form which available for download from our website. If you don't have a scanner, simply print, complete and then take a photo of the Booking Form and SMS it to **0475 00 00 88**.

If you have not received an email from us acknowledging receipt of your Booking Form within 48 hours of you sending in the form, please call us urgently.

YOUR SAFETY IS IMPORTANT TO US:

Horse riding is a high risk sport, your choice to ride is voluntary. We take care to provide suitable and safe horses and ponies for our customers, but all animals can be unpredictable. The VPRS Consent & Indemnity and Student Registration Form **MUST** be completed and signed by the parent or **authorised legal guardian** prior to undertaking any horse activity.

WHEN IS YOUR PLACE SECURED?

As places fill quickly, we require payment within 48 hours of your telephone/email booking via cash or EFT in order to secure your place. Upon receipt of full payment of the attendance fee, your place is then secured and confirmed.

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HOW TO PAY:

We do not offer credit card or eftpos facilities. Payments can be made via cash, cheque or EFT (within 48 hours of confirmation of booking) to:

BSB: 633-000

Account No: 151922804

Account Name: Valley Park Riding School

Reference: Please quote the rider's FULL NAME as the payment reference eg **JOHNSMITH**. If you do not use a payment reference it may result in the credit not being applied to the correct rider profile.

BOOKING & CANCELLATION POLICY

There is a strict cancellation policy for holiday program bookings. Payment in full is required within 48 hours of booking request to secure the rider's place.

Any changes to holiday program bookings must be made via email to info@valleyparkriding.com.au Ensure you have read the cancellation policy detailed on our website at www.valleyparkriding.com.au – go to More Info > Terms and Conditions to view. VPRS Terms and conditions subject to change at any time.

ANY CHANGES TO HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS MUST BE MADE VIA EMAIL to info@valleyparkriding.com.au

WHAT TIME SHOULD I ARRIVE?

Please arrive at the commencement time as shown on page 1. Riders are required to check into the office immediately on arrival to finalise any paperwork and to helmet and boot up. Riders are also required to check out with the office after they have been dismissed from the holiday program by their Instructor.

FORMS REQUIRED BEFORE RIDING CAN COMMENCE:

Completed VPRS Holiday Program Rider Consent & Indemnity form for every rider is required. **No form, no ride.** To save time, please download and complete the VPRS Holiday Program Rider Consent & Indemnity form prior to your arrival. This form is available for download on our website at www.valleyparkriding.com.au – go to More Info > Forms