

Pearson's Farm and Animal Rescue

# SIX WEEK FARM PROGRAM

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Primary and Secondary Schools

*Where Every Animal Counts*



# OUR APPROACH

## The three E's

We are proud to call ourselves Wildlife Champions, and we live by 3 core principles:

**EDUCATE:** Share knowledge about animal welfare and habitat preservation.

**EXPERIENCE:** Create meaningful, nature-based experiences that help people reconnect with animals, and the natural world.

**ETHICAL:** Operate with transparency, compassion, and integrity in all we do.

Our friendly, safe, and educational environment supports these values, while offering unforgettable encounters with animals of all kinds.

Pearson's Farm is a registered charity dedicated to the care, rehabilitation, and rehoming of animals. By visiting our farm, you're directly supporting the work we do everyday - and helping us continue to provide the love, safety, and a second chance to animals in need.



# WHAT WE DO

At Pearson's Farm we proudly:

Hand-rear orphaned and injured native animals and birds, preparing them for release back into the wild where possible.

Provide permanent homes for non-releaseable native species who need lifelong care and safety.



Rescue and rehabilitate farm animals from neglectful situations and find them loving, forever homes.

Ensure all animals receive necessary veterinary care throughout their time with us.



Educate the public on animal welfare, conservation, and the importance of treating animals with kindness and respect.

Deliver hands-on, experience-based learning, using our animal ambassadors to foster real connections between people and animals.





# 6 WEEK FARM PROGRAM

Our immersive 6-week farm-based programs are designed to educate, inspire, and foster a meaningful connection between participants, animals, agriculture, and the environment.

Delivered in a calm, supportive, and inclusive setting, these programs are suitable for both children and young people with disability, as well as typically developing students.

Each session is built around experiential learning, helping participants build confidence, develop new skills, and gain a greater appreciation for nature and sustainable living.

Programs can be tailored to individual needs or educational goals.

## PROGRAM DETAILS:

**DURATION:** 2 hours per week.

**GROUP SIZE:** Ideal for 6-8 participants.

**FOCUS:** Farm and native animal education, safe harm interaction, empathy building, and hands-on experience.

**LOCATION:** 89 Gosse Road, Clarendon - Pearson's Farm. Parking is signposted, look for the farm entrance sign! Only open by appointment.

**WHAT TO BRING:** Closed-toe and non-slip shoes, weather-appropriate clothing, hat, sunscreen, water bottle, and snack.

## WHO YOU'LL MEET:

We care for a wide variety of animals, including:

**NATIVE WILDLIFE:** kangaroos, bettongs, pademelons, gliders, and lizards.

**FARM ANIMALS:** horses, cows, alpaca, goats, sheep, donkeys, pigs, rabbits, guinea pigs, chickens.

**COMPANIONS:** 5 dogs, a farm cat - all part of the family!





# PROGRAM OVERVIEW

## FARM LIFE 101: A GENERAL OVERVIEW

Ideal for beginners, this introductory program provides a broad insight into life on the farm.

Participants will:

**Meet and care for a wide range of animals**

**Help with daily routines such as feeding, mucking out, and animal health checks.**

**Learn basic farm safety and equipment use.**

*This course is perfect for students who are new to agriculture or simply curious about where their food comes from.*

## NATIVE ANIMALS AND LIZARDS

Australia's unique wildlife is brought to life in this engaging and interactive program.

Participants will:

**Interact with and learn to care for native animals and reptiles.**

**Explore the importance of biodiversity and habitat protection.**

**Understand the threat of invasive species, and what we can do to help.**

*This module supports learning in environmental science and conservation.*

## ALL THINGS EQUINE

For horse lovers and equine enthusiasts, this hands-on experience offers:

**Daily interactions with our horses, donkeys, and miniature ponies.**

**Skills in grooming, feeding, saddling, and bridling.**

**An introduction to equine care from a professional farrier.**

*The chance to ride in our round yard (optional, based on confidence and ability).*

## GARDENING, CHICKEN & WORMS

This sustainability-focused program digs deep into the natural world.

Participants will:

**Plant, grow, and harvest seasonal produce from our garden beds.**

**Feed and care for chickens, collect eggs, and learn about poultry care.**

**Discover composting, worm farms, and soil health.**

*Perfect for those interested in environmental science, food systems, or healthy living.*

## OUR OTHER HOOFED FRIENDS

Get up close with our other farmyard favourites - including goats, cows, lambs, and alpaca.

Participants will:

**Learn animal handling techniques and health care basics.**

**Participate in feeding routines and enrichment activities.**

**Explore practices like drenching, shearing, and caring for poddy (orphaned) animals.**

*This module focuses on practical farm skills and animal welfare.*

## PICK YOUR OWN ACTIVITIES

Our most flexible offering allows students or educators to custom-design a program that aligns with individual interests, or curriculum areas.

Options include:

**Native or domestic animal care.**

**Farm-based science and biology topics.**

**Environmental sustainability, bush regeneration, or reforestation.**

*Specific NDIS goals or life skills based goals (eg. building independence, social interaction, or physical coordination).*



# MEET OUR GROUP FACILITATORS

Our school groups are primarily coordinated by Farmer James and Deb. For special programs, we draw on the expertise of other staff members - for example, Alice who leads our equine programs, and Andrew who skippers our boat.



## Farmer James

The Heart Behind the  
Hard Work

Farmer James is a vital part of the farm and animal rescue, always stepping up to do the heavy lifting. From moving sheep and cows, bringing in hay, and feeding the animals, to late-night trips to collect orphaned wildlife or rush an animal to the vet - James is always there when it counts.

His care doesn't stop at the paddocks - it's clear that his heart is in every part of what we do at Pearson's Farm.

Beyond his work behind the scenes, Farmer James also loves sharing his knowledge with our school visitors. He loves teaching others about our resident animals or helping people get hands-on with feeding, cuddling, or learning about animal care.

Farmer James brings a quiet enthusiasm that helps everyone feel connected to the farm and is always ready to bring a smile or a joke to all visitors and staff alike.







# Deb

Our Amazing Farm Manager



The powerhouse behind the daily care of our farm and rescue animals! Deb leads a team of passionate carers who look after over 200 animals - ensuring every creature is fed, clean, loved, and receiving the very best care.

She is also a devoted foster mum to many of the orphaned babies that arrive at the farm. Deb knows each one by name and can tell you all their quirks and stories! From how they came to us, to who they've bonded with, and what makes them truly special.

With her big heart, incredible knowledge, and unstoppable energy, Deb keeps the farm running smoothly and the animals thriving.

She also loves sharing her experience and knowledge with school groups and visitors alike, and always ready to answer questions and inspire the next generation of animal lovers.

If you're interested in enrolling in one of our farm programs, or creating a tailored experience for your group or school, please get in touch, we'd love to welcome you to the farm.



## Program Goals:

Our school-based farm programs are designed to be fully inclusive, welcoming both children with disability and typically developing children. We believe that every child should have the opportunity to engage meaningfully with animals, nature, and farm life - in a way that is accessible, educational, and enjoyable.

Each experience is thoughtfully planned to support learning outcomes, build confidence, and create lasting memories.

Whether you're looking for a one-off visit or a term-long learning adventure, we're happy to tailor sessions to meet the unique needs of your students or learning goals.

Please don't hesitate to contact our friendly team to discuss your school's requirements or book your preferred farm experience.

We can be contacted via our office at 8322 2792, or email us at [farm@pearsonsfarm.com.au](mailto:farm@pearsonsfarm.com.au).

## All of our programs include:

A personalised photo package, emailed directly to the school, and featuring each student with their favourite animals. Our friendly Blacknose Valais sheep are always a hit for cuddles!

A keepsake folder with printed handouts summarising each session - a great tool for classroom discussion, reflection, or simply remembering what they've learnt and achieved.

Take home recipe sheets to make your own animal enrichment toys and nutritious treats - encouraging ongoing learning and creativity at home or in the classroom.

## We can also offer:

Pick-up and drop-off transport is available in our 12-seater van, allowing schools with limited transport options to easily access the farm.

## All staff hold:

Current Working With Children Check (WWCC)

Senior First Aid Certification

NDIS Worker Screening Clearance for working with participants with disabilities.

Your students will be cared for by experienced team members and mentors in a safe, supportive, and engaging environment.







WE LOOK FORWARD TO  
WELCOMING YOU SOON.





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