



Parent information letter

Dear Parent,

Your child has been offered to opportunity to participate in a day visit to **Tommerup's Dairy Farm** as part of their current unit of study.

Dairy Farm School is located in the Kerry Valley, south of Beaudesert, on our 6th generation family dairy farm. Our property totals 200 acres of land in a picturesque part of the Scenic Rim. More information about accommodation and activities in this area can be found on www.lostworldvalley.com.

Our family has been farming this land for 140 years and are proud to be Australian dairy farmers. We are the oldest continually owned property in this district. **Your child will meet real farmers on a real working dairy farm** and have the opportunity to experience first-hand, the life of a farming family and the processes involved in producing milk, meat, eggs and produce. They may also be offered a taste of Norco milk products. Please notify your child's teacher if you do not want your child to participate in this.

We are proud Norco Milk suppliers (**Norco is a 122 year old dairy co-operative solely owned and operated by Qld and NSW dairy farmers** www.norco.com.au).

Visiting an authentic working farm is a unique opportunity. The **safety of visitors to our farm, our family, employees and animals is of utmost importance to Tommerup's Dairy Farm** and as such we conduct regular risk assessments and attend to health & safety issues as a priority. Farms can be dangerous. We work hard to ensure that visitors are within areas which are safe and as such, many areas around our farms are out of bounds to visitors and may contain plant/equipment which may cause injuries if proper care is not taken. These areas are clearly marked and will be clarified with all visitors prior to the commencement of activities. We welcome the assistance of parent supervisors and appreciate their support in ensuring that students remain within the safe zones on our farm.

We have provided the **Conditions of Entry and Tommerup's Dairy Farm rules** to your child's teacher and expect that all visitors to our farm will respect and abide by these. This will ensure that Tommerup's Dairy Farm continues to provide a wonderful learning experience in a safe manner. A **Consent to Attend & Conditions of Entry form will also be sent home for you to complete** and return to school. We have full public liability insurance and our insurance company requires that this be completed by all visitors to our farm and will not permit entry without a completed waiver.

You can assist in preparing your child for the visit by ensuring they have a **bottle of water, hat and sunscreen and enclosed shoes**. Your child will also require **morning tea and lunch** as there are no shops located within the Kerry Valley.

We aim to provide a **fabulous learning experience for your child to remember with fondness**. If you would like further information about Tommerup's Dairy Farm take a look at www.tommerupsfarmstay.com.au. We also offer accommodation and field days to enable families to visit our farm outside of school hours. Please visit our website for further details.

Regards,

Kay and David Tommerup

Tommerup's Dairy Farm