

HINDLE HORSEMANSHIP

Lessons in Horsemanship

MORE THAN JUST RIDING: LEARN A VARIETY OF HORSEMANSHIP SKILLS



About us

At Hindle Horsemanship, we are dedicated to fostering not only riding skills but also a deep understanding of horsemanship in all its forms, ensuring our students excel in every aspect of working with horses. We are deeply committed to ensuring that our students develop a comprehensive understanding of all aspects of horsemanship. This includes horse care, grooming, understanding and using tack correctly, and mastering groundwork, among other skills. Our goal is to cultivate well-rounded equestrians who not only excel in the saddle but also excel in the care and management of their horses. By emphasising these foundational aspects, we foster a safe, respectful, and deeply connected horse-rider relationship, enhancing both the educational experience and the well-being of our school horses.

Riding Lessons

We cater to both Western and English disciplines, whether it's jumping, dressage, polocrosse, campdrafting, or the Stockman's challenges, our skilled instructors specialise in a variety of areas to meet every equestrian's needs.

Structure

Each lesson at Hindle Horsemanship is designed to balance horsemanship skills with time in the saddle. In a one-hour lesson, students begin with around 10 minutes of grooming and tacking up under the guidance of their instructor, before spending approximately 45 minutes riding. The session concludes with a five-minute cool-down, where riders untack and ensure their horse is comfortable.

Thirty-minute lessons follow a similar structure but in a shorter format, with about five minutes spent grooming and preparing the horse, 20 minutes of focused riding, and a brief cool-down and untacking to finish.

As part of our ethos, we believe grooming and groundwork are just as important as riding, helping students build a stronger bond with their horse while learning responsibility, respect, and care. Both lesson formats promote riding skills, responsibility, and a deeper understanding of horsemanship, giving students a well-rounded equestrian education.



DISCIPLINES ON OFFER

Hindle Horsemanship offers a well-rounded horsemanship education, with training across disciplines like Campdrafting, Dressage, Mounted Games, Working Equitation, and more, ensuring riders develop versatile skills and confidence in every arena.

Working Equitation



Working equitation combines precision and control, focusing on dressage and obstacles. Riders work on technical precision and mastering transitions, preparing them to compete in all phases of this multi-discipline sport.

Campdrafting



Students practice using a mechanical cow to develop control and precision for future work with live cattle. This builds the timing, positioning, and confidence needed to eventually compete in campdrafting competitions.

Jumping



For jumping enthusiasts, our lessons emphasise the fundamentals of safe and balanced jumping, with a focus on posture and timing. As students progress, they develop the confidence and technique needed to handle courses with a variety of jumps.

Stockman's Challenge



Students learn to manage obstacles and cattle work, fundamental for stockman's challenges. By focusing on versatility and control, they prepare for the multi-discipline nature of this event, honing skills that replicate real-world tasks.

Gymkhana & Mounted Games



Gymkhana and Mounted Games focus on balance, precision, and quick reactions. Students gain confidence through fun, fast-paced challenges that sharpen coordination, control, and partnership with their horse.

Dressage



We provide students with a solid base in balance, rhythm, and connection, which is essential in dressage. As they advance, they begin to understand more complex movements, progressing through the dressage levels with ease and precision.

At Hindle Horsemanship, our instructors are not only actively competing in their chosen fields but also continuously expanding their skills to bring the latest techniques and insights to our students.

In addition to the main disciplines, we offer training in gymkhana, mounted games, and carriage driving. This ensures that every rider has the opportunity to grow, explore new areas of interest, and thrive in a wide variety of equestrian sports.

Vaulting Lessons

Our vaulting lessons are designed to help riders enhance their core strength, balance, and coordination while developing a more independent seat. Riders are bareback with a vaulting roller, focusing on their posture and control, as their instructor handles the horse on a lunge lead. Depending on experience, vaulting can be done at a walk, trot, or canter, with advanced students trying basic gymnastics movements. These one-on-one lessons are fantastic for building confidence and refinement of the rider's aids, as they learn to rely less on reins and stirrups for balance and communication.



Groundwork Lessons

At Hindle Horsemanship, our groundwork lessons focus on developing trust, communication, and a solid understanding between horse and rider. For beginners, we teach essential skills such as how to lunge a horse correctly, how to lead a horse with safety and awareness, and loading horses into a truck with confidence.

As riders progress, we introduce more advanced techniques like flexing a horse from the ground, and mastering control of the horse's shoulders and hindquarters independently. These lessons form the core foundation for riding success, improving responsiveness and the overall partnership with the horse.

Liberty Lessons

Liberty lessons at Hindle Horsemanship are designed to help students connect with their horses in a more profound and intuitive way. Conducted in a round yard with the horse completely free, these lessons emphasize communication through body language and energy. Students learn to analyze and understand the horse's natural signals, responding to subtle cues. The focus is on building trust and respect between horse and rider without physical restraints, enabling a deeper bond. This method also strengthens horsemanship skills, increasing the rider's ability to influence the horse naturally and without force.



Long-Reining Lessons

Our long-reining lessons help riders refine their rein control, allowing them to develop a deeper understanding of how to communicate with their horse through reins and voice aids. By working from the ground, students can focus on these skills without the added complexity of riding, building coordination and confidence. Long-reining is also an excellent stepping stone for those interested in carriage driving, providing a strong foundation in handling horses and mastering rein use in preparation for driving. It also enhances a horse's responsiveness and balance, benefiting riders in any discipline.

Carriage Driving Lessons

Carriage driving lessons at Hindle Horsemanship provide a unique and rewarding way for students to connect with horses. With an emphasis on control, communication, and teamwork, students learn how to guide both horse and cart safely. These lessons are designed to improve coordination and confidence as students develop their rein-handling skills. For those interested in advancing their knowledge of horsemanship or exploring new ways to work with horses, carriage driving offers a fresh and enjoyable challenge.



OUR FACILITIES

Hindle Horsemanship, the Darling Downs region's premier riding school, is unique for our all-weather training capabilities. While other schools might cancel due to weather, our superior indoor arenas ensure lessons continue uninterrupted, emphasizing our commitment to consistent, high-quality equestrian education.

INDOOR ARENA

The joy of riding thrives in our beautiful indoor arena, unaffected by weather. Rain or shine, our lessons proceed seamlessly, offering a comfortable and controlled environment for skill development. Adding to our unique facilities, we also have cattle working facilities at the side of the arena, including the 'cut out' yard.

OUTDOOR ARENAS

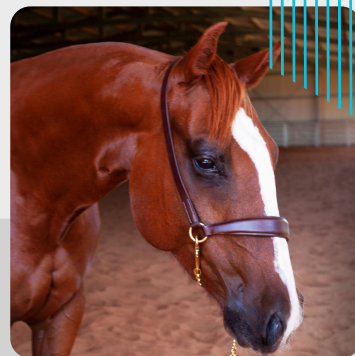
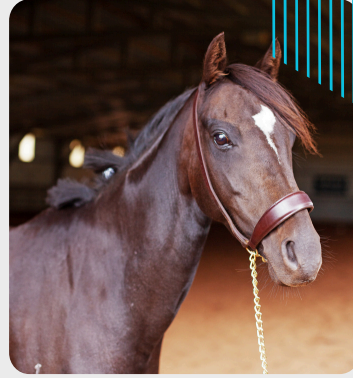
Our outdoor arenas and round yard offer the best of open-air riding, catering to all preferences, whether you enjoy the covered arena or the outdoors. These well-maintained spaces support a variety of disciplines, further enriched by our mechanical cow setup and working equitation obstacles, ensuring a diverse and engaging riding experience.

SHOWER & TOILET

Our facilities are designed to ensure your time with us is as enriching as it is comfortable and convenient, featuring accessible toilet and shower facilities. Adding to the ambiance, a large outdoor table serves as a common area nestled between two beautiful gum trees, providing a serene spot to relax and connect with fellow equestrians.

THE STARS OF THE SHOW

A few of them at least...



Our schoolmasters, skilled in a variety of disciplines, are the heart of our program at Hindle Horsemanship. Each horse brings a unique set of abilities to cater to riders of all levels, from beginners to advanced equestrians. They offer a supportive and educational experience with patience, versatility, and expertise, ensuring every lesson is rewarding and memorable. Furthermore, we take great pride in the care and attention each horse. Their well-being is paramount, ensuring they are not only happy and healthy but also eager to engage with and educate our riders.



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Lesson Price List

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**All prices listed include GST*

PRIVATE LESSONS

INCLUDING USE OF HINDLE HORSEMANSHIP LESSON HORSE & TACK

One-off Private Lesson	(60 mins)	\$130
5-Pack Private Lesson	(60 mins)	\$600
10-Pack of Lessons	(60 mins)	\$1100
One-off Lesson	(30 mins)	\$80
5-Pack of Lessons	(30 mins)	\$375
10-Pack of Lessons	(30 mins)	\$700

USE YOUR OWN HORSE

One-off Private Lesson	(60 mins)	\$110
5-Pack of Lessons	(60 mins)	\$500
10-Pack of Lessons	(60 mins)	\$900

As part of our community, Hindle Horsemanship agistees enjoy \$10 off these lessons.

LESSONS WITH INSTRUCTOR ALEXANDRA

1 Hour Private Lesson- including use of HH Horse	\$185
1 Hour Private Lesson- Using Own Horse	\$155

With a lifetime spent with horses and over 10 years of teaching experience, Alex is an international clinician dedicated to helping riders reach their potential. Welcoming and supportive, she draws on her knowledge across multiple disciplines to guide every rider with confidence. Spaces with Alex are limited due to high demand and her active competition circuit.

GROUP LESSONS*

INCLUDING USE OF HINDLE HORSEMANSHIP LESSON HORSE & TACK

One-off lesson for 2 people	(60 mins)	\$190
One-off lesson for 3 people	(60 mins)	\$270
One-off lesson for 4 people	(60 mins)	\$340
Weekly School Term Group	(60 mins)	\$85/person

**At Hindle Horsemanship, our group lessons are designed to be enriching, personalised, and safe. They must be booked together, whether with friends or as part of a school program, and riders cannot be added into existing groups. Schools, such as Fairholme College, often organise regular weekly sessions during the school term. To maintain high-quality coaching, individual attention, and a safe learning environment, each group is limited to a maximum of four participants.*

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I pay?

- Payments can be made easily through the Fresha booking app.
- Cash is accepted on the day of the lesson.
- If an invoice is sent for a lesson pack, payment can be made via bank transfer.
- Lesson packs are to be paid for upfront before commencing the first lesson.



What are the next steps?



We've made the process simple:

1. **Receive the Lesson Information Pack:** Get all the details you need before starting lessons.
2. **Book a Property Tour at Hindle Horsemanship:** Come meet our team and horses, and see our facilities in person.
3. **Ready to Book?** We can help you book directly, or simply scan the QR code provided to go straight to our booking system and lock in your first lesson.

What do I wear?

Enclosed shoes with a heel (like boots), preferably with a smooth sole, comfortable pants, and a fitted shirt. Helmets are provided if you don't have your own.

What if I am a complete beginner?

That's absolutely fine! Many of our riders start with no previous experience. Our instructors will guide you step by step, beginning with the basics of horse safety, grooming, tacking up, and mounting. You'll learn how to communicate with your horse on the ground before moving into the saddle, so you feel confident and supported. Lessons are paced at your comfort level, and our school horses are specially chosen for their safe and reliable temperaments, making them perfect partners for new riders.

I'm thinking about buying my first horse — where do I start?

We're here to help! Our team can guide you through the horse-purchasing process, and we sometimes have horses for sale on behalf of clients, making it easier to find the right match. If you choose to agist at Hindle Horsemanship, we'll continue to support you as a new horse owner. We're always happy to share advice, answer questions, and make the journey less overwhelming.

What is your cancellation policy?

We understand that plans can change, but to keep things fair for everyone:

- Lessons cancelled with **more than 24 hours' notice** can be rescheduled at no cost.
- Lessons cancelled **within 24 hours** will be forfeited.
- If you are signed up for a **group lesson over the school term**, and one person cannot make it, that lesson is forfeited (group lessons cannot be rescheduled individually).
- **Private lessons are more flexible**—if you need to reschedule, just give us at least 24 hours' notice.
- **Lesson pack purchases** paid upfront and are intended to be used once per week. If you need to reschedule one of these lessons, please complete the make-up lesson in the following week.
- In the rare case we need to cancel due to weather or unforeseen circumstances, you'll be contacted promptly and offered a reschedule or credit.