

My School Excursion to Discovery

Visual Story



Discovery Science and Technology Centre

My class is going on an excursion to Discovery.

The Discovery Centre is a hands-on science museum in a big brick building in Bendigo.





Arriving at Discovery

We might go on a bus, a train, in a car, or we might walk to Discovery.

When we arrive, a Discovery staff member will meet us at the front door. They will show my class where to go.

There may be other schools and children there too. I might need to wait while the teachers and Discovery staff help us get organised.





Introduction

We will start the day with an introduction. This usually takes place in the auditorium.

First, we will put our bags away in cubbies. Our bags will stay in this room but I can get my bag when it is time for lunch and when it's time to leave.

Next, we will sit down and listen to a Discovery staff member talk about safety and what we will be doing today.

When it is time to leave the auditorium, we will leave in groups to go to our activities.





Going to the bathroom

If I need to go to the bathroom, I can tell my teacher or parent helper and they can take me to a bathroom.

The bathrooms are down the green corridor.





tickets		
general entry	planetarium	general entry planetarium
adult: \$22	adult: \$12	adult: \$28
conc.: \$18	conc.: \$11	conc.: \$24
child: \$18	child: \$12	child: \$24
family: \$72	family: \$40	family: \$96
member: free	member: \$6	member: \$6

Staff Who Can Help

People who work at Discovery wear a black lanyard with the green logo and white text. They may also wear a name tag and a uniform.

If I need help, staff at Discovery can help me.

There will always be staff at the Front Desk.





Sensory Supports

Discovery can be loud and busy.

I might like to take my own sensory tools to help me in the centre when I visit.

If I don't have my own, my teacher or supervisor can borrow some sensory tools from the Front Desk.





Exploring Discovery

My teacher will have a plan for our day. It may include workshops, shows or sessions on the slide or in the planetarium.

If I have questions, I can ask
Discovery staff or my teacher.

We will listen out for announcements while having free play to make sure we are where we need to be.





Staying Safe

When I explore the exhibits, there are some rules to help keep everyone safe.

We all need to:

- Listen to instructions from our teachers or Discovery staff
- Walking only
- Take turns with others





The Vertical Slide

We might be booked in for a Vertical Slide session.

We will meet at the bottom of the stairs and learn how to use the slide by listening to the Discovery staff member give a talk about safety.

If I wish to ride the slide, I need to be wearing socks on my feet and Discovery's overalls.

If I decide I don't want to slide, I can watch my friends slide.

I must follow all instructions or I won't be allowed to slide.





Bendigo Planetarium

We might be booked in to see a show in the planetarium.

The planetarium is like a movie theatre with a large screen all around us.

The entrance is near the astronomy wall near the front desk.

I may be able to choose where I sit. I might sit in a beanbag, low lounge or chair. I will make sure to stay in my seat while the show is on.

Inside the planetarium is very dark. Some parts of the movie may have moving images. If these make me feel dizzy, I can close my eyes until I feel better. Some shows may contain flashing lights.





Kaleidoscope

Kaleidoscope is an area for young children and is designed to be safe for 0-5 year olds.

This will be out of bounds if I am not 5 and under.



We hope you enjoy your excursion to Discovery!