

Castaways 2026 Schools Excursions Information Sheet

The following information is for schools who are interested in bringing their students for an excursion to the Castaways Sculpture Awards.

This sheet also includes details on resources available to local schools, including guided tours and a reimbursement of up to \$300 towards bus hire fees to visit Castaways 2026. Terms and conditions apply.

Visiting Castaways

A visit to Castaways is an interactive experience where students can learn about environmental sustainability, public art, creative reuse, and the artistic process through the exhibition of sculptures created from repurposed and recycled materials. Students are encouraged to explore the artworks, interpret creative concepts, and consider the relationship between art and the natural environment.

The Main Exhibition is displayed at the Rockingham Foreshore, with the Schools Exhibition located adjacently at Churchill Park. Both spaces are outdoors in the open and subject to weather.

The Maquette and Small Sculpture Exhibition is located at the Rockingham Arts Centre which is a short distance away from the Foreshore (directly next to the bus parking area). If your schools is also planning on visiting this exhibition, please note that the Rockingham Arts Centre has a maximum capacity of 22 people. If your group is larger than this number, you will need to divide your group accordingly.

On-site Facilities

Public toilets and a water fountain are located on site. Churchill Park and the adjoining Bell Park offers ample grass and shade for lunch or activities. There are also multiple cafes and ice-cream stores nearby.

Accessibility

Beach access matting will be in place on the beach for wheelchair access to most exhibited artworks.

One Sandcruiser beach wheelchair and two beach walkers are available to loan free of charge. Please visit [Accessible beaches](#) to confirm if they are appropriate for your group's needs. Bookings are essential and photo identification that shows your full name and address is required. Email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au to book.

Accessible public toilets and a [Changing Places](#) facility are located in Churchill Park near the Castaways exhibition.

Student Safety

Responsibility for the students remains with teachers and school staff at all times. Security officers are on site and are briefed to escort any lost children to the Information Tent or to a City of Rockingham Officer or Contractor.

Parking

Bus parking is available a short stroll away, behind the Rockingham Arts Centre, off 11 Kent Street Rockingham (refer to the map below).



Self-Guided School Tours

When planning a self-guided tour for your students, here are some items to consider.

- To ensure safety of your students and the artworks, we encourage teachers to share basic gallery etiquette with them:
 - o No touching artworks unless indicated on the labels. Artworks that are interactive will be labelled as so. Otherwise, all artworks should not be touched.
 - o No leaning on plinths.
 - o In the indoor gallery, use inside voices and move calmly – no running.
 - o Food or drink are not allowed inside the indoor gallery.
 - o Backpacks are not permitted in the indoor gallery and should be left outside or in a designated area as directed by gallery staff. Teachers are responsible for supervising students' belongings at all times.
- If your school is planning to visit the Maquette Exhibition at the Rockingham Arts Centre, please keep in mind that the maximum capacity for the Rockingham Arts Centre is 22 people. Larger school groups will need to divide their groups accordingly.

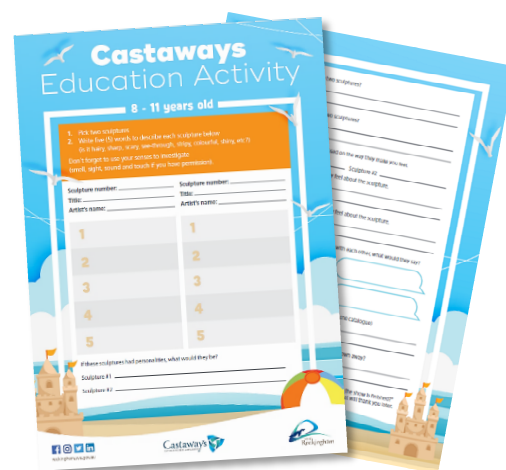
- As some artworks are located outdoors, schools should consider weather conditions and ensure students wear suitable clothing, footwear, hats, and sunscreen. Sunscreen will be available at the Information Tent.
- While self-guided visits do not require a formal booking, schools are encouraged to notify the Castaways team of their intended visit date/time and approximate group size where possible. This assists with visitor management and ensures the best experience for all visitors.

There are also a limited number of guided school tours available to local Rockingham schools. Please see below under “Resources for Local Schools” for more information.

Activity Sheets

Castaways Education Activity Sheets are available to facilitate a teacher-led school excursion during the exhibition that encourage students to engage with the artworks.

Activity sheets have been developed for age groups, 3-7, 8-11 and 12-15 years, informed by WA Curriculum outcomes. Download the forms at rockingham.wa.gov.au/castaways or visit the Information Tent to receive printed copies. Please note that writing utensils are not provided.



Collect free Activity Sheets at the Information Tent.

Resources for Rockingham Schools

Guided School Tours

Four free guided tours led by the Castaways Schools Facilitator are available to any school in the City of Rockingham district. They are reserved on a first-in basis.

The available guided tour slots are as follows:

- Tuesday 27 October, 10am - 11am
- Tuesday 27 October, 1pm - 2pm
- Wednesday 28 October, 10am - 11am
- Wednesday 28 October, 1pm - 2pm

To book, please contact the Curator Lyn Di Ciero directly at 0421 376 114 or art@artistschronicle.com.

Bus Hire Reimbursements for Excursions

There are four bus hire reimbursements of up to \$300 (excluding GST) available to local Rockingham primary and secondary schools to support school excursions to

visit the 2026 Castaways Sculpture Awards. Terms and conditions apply; please see below.

How to Apply

Complete the following forms and email to customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au. Successful applicants will receive an email confirmation.

The forms can be found on the "Visit Castaways" webpage or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au.

- Castaways Bus Reimbursement Application Form
- Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Application Form
 - o The form must be signed by hand or using a verified digital signature. See form for more details.
- Invoice or booking confirmation of bus hire
 - o Following the excursion, a receipt or tax invoice showing that the bus hire invoice was fully paid must be supplied to the City to receive the reimbursement.

Terms and Conditions

By submitting an application, you are agreeing to the following Terms and Conditions:

- Each school may enter one (1) application.
- Schools must be located within the City of Rockingham district.
- The reimbursement may only be applied towards the cost of bus hire to visit the 2026 Castaways Sculpture Awards.
- The school excursion must be taken between Saturday 24 October and Sunday 1 November 2026.
- Reimbursement will be provided up to a maximum of \$300 excluding GST. GST will not be reimbursed under any circumstances. The bus hire invoice must clearly itemise the bus hire fee separately from any GST charges.
- The reimbursement will be paid by electronic transfer and an Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Application Form must be submitted to process the funds electronically. The form should be filled out to the school or to a legally recognised entity that represents the school, not an individual. The form will be provided by the City.
- The reimbursement will be offered to the first four schools to send in their completed application forms on a first-in basis. The accepted applicants will be notified by email by a City Officer.
- Reimbursements will be paid following the end of the 2026 Castaways Sculpture Awards and will be paid within 30 days of receiving the completed documentation.
- To process the reimbursement, a receipt or tax invoice from the bus hire company showing the full amount was paid must be submitted to the City.
- Please ensure the safety of your students is your top priority at all times and that you have the necessary insurance cover to carry out the excursion and

obtain copies of the relevant policies from the rental company and/or event organiser.

- The City reserves the right to refuse the reimbursement payment if all the Terms and Conditions are not met.
- The City reserves the right to amend or update these Terms and Conditions if necessary.
- In the event of an overpayment or mistake, the City reserves the right to request a refund of any excess reimbursement.

Contact

For more information or to receive the application forms, email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au with the subject line: Castaways Bus Hire Reimbursement.

Resources for All Schools

As an outdoor sculpture exhibition, Castaways is unique as it promotes environmental values through artistic innovation. There are ample waste education resources that may compliment your excursion of class activities:

- War on Waste (ABC) – 25 educational resources to help kids win the war on waste: abc.net.au/education/digibooks/war-on-waste-from-waste-to-resource/101750678
- WasteSorted Schools WA: wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/www
- Tangaroa Blue – Marine Debris Education Kit: tangaroablue.org/resources/education-kit-and-fact-sheets/marine-debris-education-kit/
- Perth NRM – Adopt a Beach Resources for Schools and Teachers: perthnrm.com/resource/adopt-a-beach/
- Keep Australia Beautiful – Clean Schools: kabc.wa.gov.au/get-involved/clean-schools
- Sustainable Schools WA – Whole-school planning framework for education for sustainability: myresources.education.wa.edu.au/programs/sustainable-schools-wa

Contact

For more information, contact the City at 9528 0333 or email customer@rockingham.wa.gov.au. Subject Line: Castaways School Excursions.