



Expression of Interest (EOI)



2026 Future Fields: Ag Inspirations & Horticulture Immersion

Program Overview

Home Hill State High School invites district schools to participate in the 2026 *Ag Inspirations & Horticulture Immersion Program*. This program provides students with hands-on learning experiences across broadacre cropping, aquaculture, livestock, value-adding, AgTech, and horticulture. Students will engage directly with industry, complete workplace-inspired activities, and explore career pathways, while collecting evidence towards the QCAA *Career Education Short Course* (1 QCE point).

Location: Burdekin surrounds & Home Hill State High School Agricultural Precinct

Dates: 9 – 13 March 2026

Target Group: Year 10 – 12 students (minimum 10 students per school)

Commitment Deadline: 14 November 2025

Cost: \$25 per student

Duration: 5 Days

Sample Program Structure

Day 1 – Welcome, Career Profiling & Industry Visits

- Welcome & Program Briefing
- QCAA Career Education Short Course overview
- AgForce SIPP Careers / Personality Profiling
- Broadacre & mixed cropping farm visits (planting, harvesting, machinery, irrigation)

Day 2 – Farm & Industry Immersions

- Aquaculture (Coral Coast Barramundi)
- Cattle & livestock industry visit (e.g. LegaSea / JBS)
- Reflection & SIPP Careers in Ag workshop

Day 3 – Value-Add, Technology & Industry Tours

- Site tour: Townsville Port
- AgTech demo (Bowen Gumlu Growers)
- AgForce SIPP wrap-up & final report
- Optional evening industry BBQ / networking

Day 4 – Horticulture Hands-On & Careers Exploration

- HSHS Protected Cropping Greenhouse workshops
- Guest speakers: DPI, agronomists, industry experts
- Seedling propagation, fertigation control, soil testing

- Resume & mock interview workshop
- Action planning & goal setting

Day 5 – Reflection & Course Completion

- Visit Ayr Research Station (DPI)
- Careers panel / Q&A with local employers
- Celebration lunch & feedback session
- Journal reflections & evidence submission

Inclusions:

- ✓ All transport during Ag Inspirations tour
- ✓ Lead facilitator (HSHS staff) across all days
- ✓ Access to QCAA *Career Education Short Course* materials
- ✓ Immersion journal templates for reflections & evidence
- ✓ Coordination of site visits, presenters, and workshops
- ✓ Industry presenters guided to showcase pathways and personal career stories

School Commitment

- Minimum of 10 students per school
- Confirmed interest & student numbers by 14 November 2025
- Mandatory participation in the 5-day *Ag Inspirations & Horticulture Immersion Program*

Student Benefits

- ✓ 1 QCE Point via QCAA *Career Education Short Course*
- ✓ Direct engagement with industry & employers
- ✓ Exposure to AgTech, protected cropping, and horticulture
- ✓ Exposure to career pathways in regional agriculture
- ✓ Development of leadership, teamwork & problem-solving skills

Next Steps for Schools

1. Submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) by 14 November 2025.
2. Confirm student numbers and program commitment.
3. Schools will be contacted in November 2025 to finalise details.

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EOIs and enquiries to: Home Hill State High School – P: 4790 5666, E: admin@homehillshs.eq.edu.au

School Name: _____ **Contact Person:** _____

Email Address: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Anticipated Student Numbers: _____