

Observatory and Planetarium Tours



SCHOOL AND SCOUT GROUP BOOKINGS

The Macquarie University Association for Astronomy was established in 1988 by Dr. Alan Vaughan to promote astronomy outreach to the public, enabling various parts of the astronomical community to interact, and to encourage teaching and research in astronomy and astrophysics at Macquarie University. The Association for Astronomy operates the Macquarie University Astronomical Observatory located on campus, as well as the portable Macquarie University Planetarium, and hosts the annual Astronomy Open Night among other special events.

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The Association for Astronomy at Macquarie University offers Monday and Friday night telescope viewing at our astronomical observatory (excluding public holidays). Sessions run from 8:00-9:30 pm during daylight saving time, and 7:00-8:30 pm during the rest of the year. These sessions are open to the general public as well as school and Scout groups.

The Association is also running planetarium sessions on the first Thursday of every month, from 6:00-7:00 pm. Sessions seat up to 50 people (10-20 chairs provided). These sessions are also open to the general public as well as school and Scout groups.

Any school or Scout groups that wish to visit us for one of our public planetarium or observatory sessions can book tickets through our Eventbrite page, where more information is also available.

Visit macquarieastronomy.eventbrite.com.au

Private Sessions for School and Scout Groups

Schools and Scout groups are also able to book private observatory and planetarium sessions for weeknights other than Monday and Friday nights. The experienced staff of the Association for Astronomy are able to tailor events so that Scouts of all levels and ages can learn what they need for their astronomy and space badges, and to engage the interests of school students of all ages. Connection can be made to the school curriculum.

Schools and Scout groups can email the Association for Astronomy to arrange a date and further details for a private booking on a weeknight (except Monday or Friday). The current price list for privately booked school and Scout group sessions is included here. Limited free adult tickets are included according to group sizes, and additional tickets can be purchased at the special rate of \$10.00 (incl GST) each. Email starinfo@mq.edu.au

Private Session Rates – Schools and Scout groups

Observatory Tour – 1.5 hours

Students/Cubs	Teachers/Leaders	Price (incl GST)
up to 20	2	\$270.00
21-30	3	\$340.00
31-40	4	\$410.00

Planetarium Tour – 1 hour

Students/Cubs	Teachers/Leaders	Price (incl GST)
up to 20	2	\$200.00
21-30	3	\$200.00
31-40	4	\$200.00

Observatory and Planetarium Tour – 2.5 hours

Students/Cubs	Teachers/Leaders	Price (incl GST)
up to 20	2	\$470.00
21-30	3	\$540.00
31-40	4	\$610.00

Prices listed above are valid at July 2018 and are subject to change.

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