

Port Macquarie Horse Riding Centre Information Pack.



PORT MACQUARIE
HORSE RIDING CENTRE



Port Macquarie Horse Riding Centre New Client Information Sheet.

We are very excited to welcome you to PMHRC. To help you get started, we have a few FAQ's answered below:

Bookings

We make all our bookings using our online platform "bookeo". You can sign in and manage your own account, make, change, cancel bookings and make payments via bookeo. There is a "sign in" and a "book" button on our webpage www.portmacquariehorseriding.com.au

Your booking confirmations will be emailed to your account at the time of booking, and you will also receive a reminder 24 hrs before your booking. If you have not paid at the time of booking, you will be emailed a payment request.

Payments

You will receive an email confirmation for your booking and a payment request if you have not paid at the time of your booking. Bookings must be paid in full before redeeming the service. Payment can be made using our online payment platform and following the Pay button in your payment request. If you need assistance to pay, please ask your coach to help and they can process the payment with you.

Cancellations

As lesson times are highly sought after and our staff are committed to their shifts, it is important to give as much notice of any changes or cancellations as possible.

- **Mainstream lessons cancelled or changed less than 24 hours of the booking time will be made payable in full.** This policy will be strictly adhered to.
- **NDIS services** Service agreement terms and conditions apply.
- **EAP services,** service agreement terms and conditions apply.

If you wish to cancel your booking at any time in three ways:

- Click change/cancel booking in your booking confirmation email.
- Sign into your online booking platform:
<https://bookeo.com/portmacquariehorseriding/customer>
- Email absent@portmacquariehorseriding.com.au.

Our phone is a text only service not monitored regularly as our coaches are busy with clients, so please do not try and cancel by phoning us.

Communicating

The best way to communicate with our staff is via info@portmacquariehorseriding.com.au. We also have a text only phone service 0487004483: our staff want to get back to all enquires as soon as possible but when working with the horses we have limited access to be able to answer phone calls. Our coordinator will regularly monitor the emails and notify staff and accounts of cancellations and changes.



Personal Accident Insurance

Personal accident insurance is recommended for anyone participating in recreational horse-riding activities. You can cover yourself by becoming a member of Equestrian Australia. More information here: <https://www.equestrian.org.au/Insurance>

What to wear

Suitable clothing and footwear:

Please wear long pants and covered shoes. If you think you will be riding regularly, it is recommended that you invest in a pair of riding boots; jodhpurs and your own helmet (please make sure you check the safety standard on your new helmet, it must meet the updated standards that were introduced 1 Jan 2017 AS/NZS3838. There are many online stores selling old stock for cheap EN1384 is no longer valid.)

There are a few places selling gear locally for reasonable prices, these include Super Horse Saddlery (online and instore) located Thrumster Street Port Macquarie, SP produce Chestnut Road Port Macquarie and Wauchope Rural supplies (near Timber town).

When to arrive

Please arrive 10 mins before your start time. If you are late, your lesson will still conclude at the scheduled time as we do not run late for our next bookings.

Where are the toilets?

Toilet facilities are located over at Cassegrain winery. Which you can access via car or walking. If you are parked at the riding centre, you can follow the exit signage over the bridge and you will see the winery. Follow the steps up to the winery and bathroom facilities are located on the right.

Wet weather

We do proceed with lessons in wet weather. If we are experiencing poor weather, PMHRC staff will assess if it is safe to proceed with lessons or not and contact you at least one hour before your lesson time. Please remember it may be raining where you are, but it may not be raining at the riding school as coastal weather patterns differ to ours from time to time. We will often proceed in showers, so pack a raincoat as the arena is nice and safe even if it's a bit wet under foot.

We also have access to an undercover arena at Highway Stables (our neighbour) located approximately 500m from the riding centre which we can use during wet weather. If we plan on proceeding at the undercover arena our staff will contact you prior to your booking time with any relevant information surrounding the change in location.

Setting goals

Our staff want to hear your goals and riding aspirations, we would like to make these dreams become reality. We want to ensure riders are achieving goals whilst still ensuring the fundamentals of horse riding/ horsemanship are being maintained. At Port Macquarie horse riding centre, safety is a big priority and so we can create a plan which will help you to



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achieve your goals at a pace that is suited to your goals and individual needs. We will check in with you regularly and make sure we are on track.

Access to the centre

You can access the riding centre by entering at 10 Winery drive (the nearest driveway to the roundabout). You will enter over the cattle grate and follow a road down a picturesque forest like setting for approximately 200 meters and you will see the riding centre on your right. If you enter via the gate next to the winery, you will need to exit and head further down Winery drive as there is a one-way road system in the winery grounds. Please see the aerial view attached to this document.



Requesting a certain horse

It is our intention to make horse riding as fun as we can, and we are sure you will begin to prefer one horse over another. We will try to accommodate your preferences however there are times when we may use a different horse to help you grow as a rider, teach you new skills or rest and rotate the horses.



Health conditions

If you suffer from a health condition or have a disability that may affect your ability to ride and interact with horses safely, please consult your medical professionals for advice before commencing lesson. Please notify your coach of any medical conditions that may arise during your lessons so we can assist you in the best way possible.

Feedback

Feedback is welcomed, you will receive an email after your lesson requesting a review of our services. Feel free to communicate your experiences with us so we can continue to review our processes and tell our coaches how much you love them!

Spectators

To keep our riders and horses safe and focussed, please advise spectators to use the seats next to the arena to view lessons. Please do not enter the arena, lean over the rail, or speak to the coach or rider during the lesson.

Photos and Social Media

Please refrain from taking photos of others and ensure you have permission from third parties before posting any images online.