



PRE ARRIVAL – Background to visiting CALMSLEY HILL SHEEP FARM

Calmsley Hill requests and recommends 2 sided printing of worksheets to reduce the environmental foot print of today's excursion.

Rules of the Farm, what to bring

- Listen carefully to the directions of your guides and teachers and make sure you stay on the prescribed paths.
- Wear a hat, sunscreen, sensible walking shoes and long socks &/or trousers.
- Ensure to carry sufficient water for a day's outing in the field.
- Make sure all gates are closed after you go through them.
- Don't scare the farm animals.
- Take all the litter with you.
- It is recommended that all students bring a folder, sharp pencil and eraser.

Background of Calmsley Hill City Farm- Indigenous and Early European Settlement

Calmsley Hill has a long human history. Aboriginal Australian oral history tells of the Cannemagal people living in the region for thousands of the years. They were very much part of the land taking from it only what they required.

The European history of the area starts around 1795 when the Horsley Park Corridor was settled. The bulk of the current Calmsley Hill site was initially granted to Sir John Jamison who received 240 hectares in three separate grants in 1799, 1805 and 1809, which he named 'Calmsley Hill'

During the nineteenth century, the land was cleared and developed.

At around the turn of the twentieth century the canal that carries Sydney's water supply to Prospect Reservoir was constructed. The canal can be seen and is still functional today carrying water to the reservoir.



The property was then sold in 1947 to the Big Brother Movement, an organisation formed in the 1920s to help young British men migrate to Australia. Many of the existing buildings, dams and fences were built by the Big Brother Movement.

MODERN DAY OPERATIONS- The birth of CALMSLEY HILL as a Working Farm.

Calmsley Hill is currently operated as a Working Farm and Zoo, with a long-term focus on Education, Conservation and Sustainability. In doing so the team at Calmsley Hill hope to offer not only an educational experience but a fun day out with lots of new things to see and do.

The farms main interests involve Lamb and Wool production, Beef production with between 250-500 sheep and up to 100 head of cattle depending on the time of year and season.

Calmsley Hill also has an interest in Pork and Goat meat production.

Students and children also love to interact with baby farm animals in our Animal Nursery where they can hand feed baby farm animals.

STRUCTURED CALMSLEY HILL FARM SHOWS included:

As well as the educational learning experiences, 3 iconic Australian farm shows operate daily and include.

- a) Farmer Whip Cracking Demonstration,
- b) Sheep Dog Show,
- c) Sheep Shearing Show.

The General Manager Noah Moseley and his team of farm staff welcome you to visit and learn of the importance of farm and land management, see you at Calmsley Hill Sheep Farm.

