



Royal Agricultural Society of NSW



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Dear Principal,

It is with great pleasure that the Royal Agricultural Society (RAS) of New South Wales invites your school to apply for the 2025 Sydney Royal Easter Show (SRES) *All Roads to the Royal Program*. The program offers a unique, fully funded experience of the SRES from Monday 14 April – Thursday 17 April 2025. This program, has been designed by the RAS Youth Group, which consists of individuals, aged 18-35, who are passionate about Australian agriculture and capturing the potential of young people within rural, regional and remote NSW.

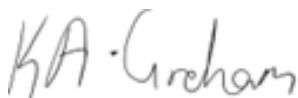
The Sydney Royal Easter Show is a celebration of Australian culture, from rural traditions to modern-day lifestyles, it provides a unique experience for everyone. Every Easter, the country and city become one within Sydney Showground, for twelve days of agricultural competitions and education, animal experiences, live entertainment, carnival fun, shopping and much more

All Roads to the Royal is a fully funded initiative supported by the RAS Foundation. Funding includes all transport, accommodation and meals with an itinerary that includes exclusive behind the scenes tours of the show and incomparable, syllabus based, hands on experiences for your students. This program facilitates a maximum of forty people, including teachers, support staff and parents. Students can range from years 7-12 and it is hoped the program will inspire students to pursue a career that contributes to Australian agriculture. This experience aims to address the disproportionate access to the Sydney Royal Easter Show for rural students who are geographically isolated, as well as fostering student interest in agriculture, through exposure to industry leaders and world class competitions.

First held in 1823, the show is Australia's largest ticketed event, attracting over 850,000 attendees every year! Revenue generated allows the RAS to invest in agricultural programs, competitions, education, youth, and rural NSW. The RAS invests almost \$7 million annually in activations across NSW, which are designed to promote agricultural excellence and regional NSW. All Roads to the Royal is a great opportunity for students in rural NSW to experience first-hand what the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW has to offer and the work we do to promote them and their communities.

Applications for All Roads to the Royal 2025 close, **Friday, 1st November 2024**. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact our Agricultural Youth Initiatives Event Manager, Kane Gerrets, 02 9704 1160 or email [kgerrets@rasnsw.com.au](mailto:kgerrets@rasnsw.com.au)

Yours sincerely,



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### What's Included

#### Monday 14 April – Thursday 17 April 2025

- Return travel from school to Sydney Showground, accommodation, and meals.
- Program Briefing.
- Tour and experience animal competitions and pavilions of award-winning agricultural livestock and produce.
- Experience the Grand Parade.
- Opportunity to meet with youth involved in RAS leadership programs (Young Woman Winners / RAS Rural Achievers).
- Behind the scenes tours of different sections e.g. District Exhibits, woodchop, entertainment, announcers' box.
- Networking opportunities with RAS Councilors and Youth Group.
- Evening Entertainment viewing.
- Showman's Guild and free time.
- So much more!

#### Selection Criteria

- One school will be selected for the 2025 program.
- The selected school will be a rural and/or remote school as determined by the Department of Education.
- Schools which submit the 5-minute video to complete the application will be looked on favorably.
- Schools' involvement in agriculture and/or local show will be considered as part of the selection process.
- Overall, schools are assessed based on their responses to questions, and how the program can help to facilitate further involvement in agriculture and agricultural show societies.
- With guidance from the Youth Affairs committee, the RAS Youth Group's decision is final.

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### 2025 Application Form

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Principal Name:

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School Name:

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Local Government Area:

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Contact Person:

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Contact Phone:

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Total Number of Students Enrolled at School:

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Total Number of Staff Employed:

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School Address:

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Local Show Society:

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Email:

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Number of Students to Attend\*:

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Number of Staff / Parents to Attend\*:

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\* please note that Q11 & Q12 should total no more than 40 people

**Increase your chances by  
submitting a short video  
(max 5 Minutes) that captures  
why your school should be  
selected for the 2025 program**

Submit your completed application form and optional supporting video via email before Friday 1 November to [kgerrets@rasnsw.com.au](mailto:kgerrets@rasnsw.com.au)

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Why should your school be selected to participate in the 'All Roads to the Royal' for 2025?

What are some of the challenges your school faces on a day-to-day basis?

How would this program benefit your school and students?

How would your school integrate the many experiences and opportunities at the SRES, not just agricultural related, into your curriculum?

How would your school and its students build on the experience and continue their involvement in agricultural shows after returning from the 2025 SRES?

Is your school currently involved in any way with the SRES? If Yes, how?

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*The following questions will not form part of the Panel's assessment but will help us tailor the program should you be accepted.*

Does your school offer Agricultural Studies? Please elaborate on class sizes and the focus

Do you actively participate in your local Agricultural show? In What sections?

Do you participate in an agricultural career's expo/careers day?  
If yes, what do you find most beneficial for your students on these days.

Would you like to stay up to date with RAS of NSW Initiatives?	Y	N
Do you offer Agriculture as an HSC subject?	Y	N
Do you offer Primary Industries as a VET/HSC Subject?	Y	N
Do you know of your local Agricultural Show?	Y	N
Do you actively participate in your local Agricultural show?	Y	N

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