



What our programs are all about

All Centura's holiday programs involve ridden work, horsemastership or a combination of the two you can use the below information as a guide to see what program will suit you.

Learning something takes time and practice repeating programs may help you pick something new up or improve the skills you already have.

We always recommend speaking to a coach before booking in to ensure you get the most out of your time on the yard.

Please pick up a swimming consent form and don't forget your bathers as we will have use of the pool in our breaks to cool off – No form means no swimming!

General Programs

Gymkhana

Description	<p>Want to start your riding year off with a day that feels like a party with horses? Our Gymkhana will include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Dress up Dressage (bring your own costume) ○ Games ○ Handy Pony <p>There will be prizes, ribbons and fun!!!!</p>
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All group riders and all ages

Saddle Club

Description	<p>This is where it all starts; the Saddle club programs are set at introductory walk and trot level.</p> <p>Lunge and new riders are given a private lesson and riders ready to start a group or already in a group get ride together.</p> <p>When not riding participants will be looking at horsemastership basics. To ensure those who want to come more than once learn all the basics of how to care for their horse or pony the topics covered change.</p> <p>Not sure what horsemastership is check out the end of our program guide.</p>
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lunge Riders ● 4.30pm weekday group riders ● 10.45am Saturday Group Riders ● New Riders that have little or no horse experience

Lease Week **Golden Ticket*

Description	<p>Want to adopt one of our horses or ponies for a whole week?</p> <p>Lease week offers you the opportunity to call one of Centura's school horses your own!</p> <p>Lease week involves you riding and loving your chosen horse as if it was all your own.</p> <p>Spaces in this program are extremely limited as we only have 15 school horses so get in fast!!!!</p>
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Group riders that dream of owning their own horse or pony



Own a Pony

Description	<p>Ready to know more? Own a pony days start teaching you what it takes to maintain a horse in top health. Our ridden classes for the day are walk, trot, canter (learn to canter).</p> <p>When not riding Horsemastership is taken up to the next level from our saddle club days.</p>
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5.30pm & 6.30pm group riders • 3pm group riders • 7.30, 8.30 & 9.45am group Riders • Those thinking about getting their own horse

Show Jumping ****New***

Description	<p>After the long break our full day Show Jumping program takes you back to basics in the morning and progresses through to the hard stuff in the afternoon.</p> <p>We will cater for all heights in this back to riding jump program. This gives you the time to get your balance and feel back before tackling a new term.</p>
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All group riders and all ages

Pamper a Unicorn ****New***

Description	<p>To us all our horses and ponies are in fact unicorns whose horns haven't grown in yet and we would love to see you down to help us pamper them. Pampering Unicorns includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Bubble baths ○ Hoof Care ○ Mane and Tail decorating ○ Treat feeding ○ Learning to make molasses water and bran mash <p><i>*This is a non-riding program</i></p>
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All group and lunge riders and all ages

How to Horse and Pony ****New***

Description	<p>How to horse and pony looks at how you can talk to your horse when riding! The program includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Painting on the muscles ○ Looking at lunging ○ Ridding in a saddle and bare back ○ Correctly fitting tack
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All group riders and all ages



Private Lesson

Description	<p>Private lessons help us to learn new skills and improve what we already know.</p> <p>Private lessons can run for either 30 minutes for \$65 or one hour for \$90. Upon booking let us know what your group wants to work on, so we can have a lesson plan ready to go to suit what you want to do.</p>
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All riders <p><i>*Important note our one-hour privates involve 15 minutes to tack up your horse to ensure your lesson covers knowing how to care for horses.</i></p>

Semi-Private Lesson

Description	<p>Have a few friends you want to ride with? Want to work on something specific?</p> <p>Anywhere our program has private lessons available you can book in a Semi-Private lesson.</p> <p>Semi-Private lessons are \$75 per person run for one hour and can have 2-3 participants per lesson.</p> <p>Upon booking let us know what your group wants to work on so we can have a lesson plan ready to go to suit what you want to do.</p>
Recommended for	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Anyone riding in a group



Horse Mastership

Horse Mastership is learning how to look after a horse or pony and the theory behind how horses work.

Centura's Horse Mastership programs may include:

Grooming	Types of brushes and how they are used. Why we groom and what are the benefits.
Tacking Up	How to saddle and bridle a horse safely (lots of practice required)
Horse Gear Maintenance	How to clean and maintain riding gear used including synthetic and leather.
Saddle fitting	Look at how a saddle fits together. Learn what we are looking for to fit a saddle to a horse and rider and how to adjust it.
Parts of the horse (general, skeletal, muscular)	Learn how a horse is put together
Yard Maintenance	Understand what goes into horse care including mucking out, lifting stables and the theory behind safe areas for horses.
Safely Feeding	How to feed horses and ponies not just carrots and apples but individual horses and horses living in a herd
Types of feed	Look into what we feed our school horses and the benefits of different feed types
A balanced diet	Learn how to create a feeding program for horses in different levels of work (theory)
Hoof Maintenance	Know how to maintain horse hooves including common hoof problems and prevention and what tools farriers use to trim.
Recognising signs of colic	Colic is a common illness in horses learn what it is, prevention and signs when a horse needs help
Horse health and first aid	Learn about common injuries, prevention and treatment in horses.