

HANCOCK AGRICULTURE



Home Tutor | Durham Downs Station, QLD

Full-time fixed term

A family of five located at a cattle station in the Channel Country in southwest Queensland are seeking a Home Tutor for the remainder of the 2022 school year. The Home Tutor will be required to provide educational support and supervision of three boys in Year 1,4 and 6 who are completing their schooling through Port August (SA) School of the Air. This is an opportunity for a fun and engaging educator to become part of station life alongside three active, outgoing children. This is a fixed-term contract based on the school year.

The cattle station is run by Hancock Agriculture, a world-class agribusiness incorporating S. Kidman & Co Pty Ltd and Hancock Prospecting Pty Ltd Services. Hancock Agriculture has a long history in Agriculture. With over 20 properties across Australia, spanning six million hectares, it is one of the country's largest producers of beef with a herd of over 230,000.

Responsibilities

This is a school focused role and working days are Monday to Friday during school terms, 7.30am to 5.00pm, this includes preparation time before and after school. You will support the education of 3 students through School of the Air. Activities include:

- Managing the day-to-day running of the schoolroom
- Preparing resources and planning activities in advance
- Identifying and acting on learning opportunities inside and outside the schoolroom walls
- Maintaining regular contact with class teachers
- Working with management in the schoolroom at times
- Attending online supervisor support sessions
- Creating a fun and supportive learning environment
- Returning work on time and liaising with school teachers and parents regarding the children's progress and achievements

Requirements

- Previous experience in a similar role
- Sound literacy, numeracy and writing skills
- Good working knowledge of computers and proficiency with Microsoft Office applications; movie apps etc
- Good planning and organisational skills
- Demonstrated ability to relate well to children
- A genuine commitment to stay until the end of the school year
- Current QLD & SA Working with Children Clearance (can be obtained after if successful in position)
- Senior First Aid certificate (can be obtained at station soon after arrival)
- Current manual driver's licence and own vehicle

Why You Should Apply

- Work 5 days per week, weekends and school holidays off
- The family are experienced with Home Tutors
- Supportive family who recognise the challenges of living remotely.
- Great saving opportunity with a competitive daily rate (negotiable based on experience).
- Active, outdoorsy children
- Flexibility to pursue own areas of interest (e.g. baking, cooking, animal care)
- Option to bring your own horse (negotiable)
- Air-conditioned house (the house is divided in half between schoolroom and house)
- Quality home-cooked meals
- Friendly, supportive team and community environment

About the Property

Durham Downs is located in the magnificent channel country of southwest Queensland and the property spans about 9,000km² and runs approximately 20,000 head of cattle. The nearest towns are Thargomindah and Quilpie. The station has about 17 employees at peak season, including station hands, machinery operator, gardener and cook.

The homestead area, set upon the banks of the Cooper Creek, features expansive green lawns, a modern kitchen with adjoining BBQ, and an entertainment area. As the property is quite remote, an enthusiastic and active social club exists to create a friendly and inclusive environment for all.

We have a team at our main station and outstation of approximately 17, ranging in different age groups so there is always someone to talk to. Due to the family's location, there may be times when you wish to take a long weekend off in order to meet up with friends or travel further afield which can occasionally be negotiated.

The family also recognises the importance of pursuing your own interests on the station and will always try to support you in finding that work-life balance and be involved in other areas of station life if you wish. Both Charleville and Quilpie have thriving cultural societies which regularly host workshops/classes (art, photography, jewellery making/silversmithing/glasswork, mosaics etc.). There are local camp drafts, rodeos, races and gymkhanas to attend too.

There are beautiful national parks to explore in the wider area and plenty of options for weekend trips including Hell Hole National Park (much nicer than it sounds.), The Lake at Quilpie, Innamincka & The Dig Tree to name a few.

How to Apply

- Email your cover letter and current resume including details of two referees to careers@hancockagriculture.com.au quoting reference **BC – DD-HT- Aug22**.

Please note: You must have the right to live and work in Australia to apply for this position.