EQUINE UNIT GATTON CAMPUS
HORSE AND EQUIPMENT GUIDELINES

Information regarding horses and equipment required for students undertaking the Bachelor of Applied Science (Equine Science), the Associate Degree in Applied Science (Equine Studies) programs, or for other students choosing equine courses as electives.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Equine courses ANIM1006, ANIM1966 and ANIM2006 include the use of a horse.

Students are not obliged to have their own horse at the campus in order to undertake these courses. Providing the course is a core for their program if a student chooses to have access to a UQ equine unit horse there will be no costs associated, except for personal equipment as outlined in this document.

If the course is an elective for the student’s program, the student may apply to lease a UQ horse depending on the availability of a suitable horse.

If a student chooses to have their own horse at the campus, then agistment charges will apply as outlined in the tables on the back of this page.

Students wishing to bring a horse to the campus will need to have it assessed for suitability in the week before the start of a semester. Horses judged to be unsuitable cannot remain at the campus.

Students bringing a horse from interstate or a long distance within Queensland may have their horse assessed by supplying a DVD/video of the horse, including under saddle at the walk, trot and, if possible canter.

All DVDs/videos should be forwarded at least two weeks prior to arrival to the following address:

The Coordinator
Equine Unit
The University of Queensland
Gatton Qld 4343

Generally ex-race horses are not suitable as an equitation horse unless they have had substantial re-schooling. Harness racing/standardbred horses are not recommended as equitation horses.

The following is meant as a guide only:

The ideal horse should:

- have some performance experience or basic dressage and jumping training, e.g. to preliminary dressage, and jumping up to 45 cm
- be 15 h.h. – 16 h.h
- gelding or mare (gelding is best). No colts or rigs
- be 5 – 15 years old (minimum 3 years)
- have a quiet temperament going forward under control with a responsive mouth
- have sound conformation so that it can work 6 days per week doing flat work and jumping
- be able to be shod, rugged and floated
- be any breed (most suitable are Thoroughbred, Warmblood, Australian Stock Horse, Quarter Horse, Anglo Arab or similar)
- be any colour (bay, brown, grey, Appaloosa, Palomino, paint, and the like).

The following horses are not permitted:

- those with stable or paddock vices, e.g. windsuckers, stable weavers, bolters, horses with a severe kicking habit
- rigs, colts or stallions, and pregnant mares
- any horse which, in the opinion of the Equine Studies Academic staff and the Equine Unit Coordinator, is for any reason found to be unsuitable, unsound, unsafe or dangerous.

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Equipment and Tack

If choosing to use your own horse, the following equipment and tack will be required:

Horse:

- bridle with nose band, web reins and snaffle bit
- all purpose English saddle with two thick saddle cloths
- grooming kit (including hoof pick and rectal thermometer)

- protective leg bandages and leg wraps (4) or protective boots
- metal hanging feed bin or rubber tyre feeder plus a hay net or rack
- small bucket (5L) large bucket (20L) for mixing feed
- rubber gloves
- saddle and leather dressing
- rope halter and lead (minimum 3 metre)
- hoof dressing
- stable and yard rake, manure bucket.

All riders must provide the following:

- approved safety helmet (AS 3838)
- safe riding boots (elastic sides or top boots). No ripple soles
- comfortable jeans or jodhpurs
- long or short sleeved collared shirts
- riding gloves
- dressage / jumping whip
- shady hat and raincoat
- rubber or work boots.

Other useful items:

- lockable trunk for storage of equipment and tack
- rugs for horse
- stethoscope.

Facilities

Gatton campus has a range of horse accommodation available including 39 stables, 58 day yards and nine combination yards. There are no ‘turn out’ grass paddocks available for private equitation horses. The basic agistment fee of $20 per day includes:

- horse feed of lucerne or cereal hay and chaff plus a balanced premix concentrate designed especially for equitation horses
- a day yard with shelter and water trough
- use of all facilities, e.g. tack room, wash bays
- assistance with first aid should your horse require attention.
For training there are two Olympic size dressage arenas, a jumping course and practice cross country jumps, a sand roll and a warm up yard.

**CARE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

- Supervision of students and horse welfare is the responsibility of the Equine Unit Coordinator or approved nominee.
- Students must be prepared to follow the coordinator’s nominees’ direction regarding the welfare and care of their allocated/own horse, equipment and horse accommodation. All students must assist with the maintenance of the Equine Unit and are assessed on the quality of their work and contribution.
- The University does not accept responsibility for individual private horses or equipment accommodated at Gatton campus. Students are totally responsible for the care of their own horse and equipment.

**AGISTMENT FEES AND OTHER CHARGES**

- A non-refundable $35 booking fee must accompany the Horse Accommodation Booking Form.
  A $25 refundable deposit for issue of a tack room key.
- Agistment fees – total agistment fees for each semester are due in advance the first week of each semester. Non payment of agistment fees will result in removal of the horse from the Campus.
- There are three agistment options available: Full board (7 days per week); weekly board (Monday to Friday); and daily board (minimum 3 days per week).
- Other horse accommodation arrangements may be negotiated with the Equine Unit Coordinator upon application, and approval by the UQ Campus Director.
- All private horses must be removed during extended holiday periods other than long weekends.
- For horses agisted over vacation periods and semester recess by prior arrangement only, additional fees apply.

**PRIVATE HORSES**

All horses must be fully vaccinated for tetanus and strangles prior to arrival on campus.

Agistment fees will be charged on a daily basis from the time the horse arrives until departure. Agistment for private horses includes all feed and a minimum basic accommodation of a day yard and access to facilities including a tack room, while the horse is on agistment.

Agistment does not cover shoeing, veterinary services, health and husbandry, transport, etc. for private horses.

The Equine Unit Coordinator does provide equine first aid assistance to students and their horses, and will advise students on the need to engage a veterinarian if required.

All costs listed are GST inclusive.

**BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR STUDENT HORSE**

The partial budget presented below is a guide only. You should estimate your own needs and expenses for your individual situation.

**Assumptions**

- semesters (1 and 2), 13 weeks each
- horse full board option in day yard
- horse shod minimum of three times per semester
- teeth attended to twice per year
- horse wormed at the start of each term
- horse vaccinated for tetanus and strangles at the beginning of the year.

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* Fees can be paid at the University’s Gatton Campus Cashier/Post Office. Payment can be made by cheque, cash or EFTPOS. Fees may change throughout the year.

Other costs that should be considered are after hours veterinary treatment, transport to and from Gatton, additional agistment fees for holidays, mid-semester recess, and so on.

Saddlery and tack expenses need to be considered in your budget.

**HORSE ACCOMMODATION AND BOOKING FORM**


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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

The Coordinator  
Equine Unit  
The University of Queensland, Gatton  
Gatton Qld 4343

Telephone: (07) 5460 1163  
Facsimile: (07) 5460 1440  
Email: m.coyle1@uq.edu.au
# STUDENT HORSE ACCOMMODATION

## Booking Form

### Student Details:
- **Date of arrival with horse:**
- **Course:**
- **Name:**
- **Address:**
- **Home phone:**
- **Mobile:**

### Horse Details:
- **Age:**
- **Colour:**
- **Height:**
- **Breed:**
- **Gender:**
- **Horse Name:**

### What has the horse been used for in the last 12 months?

### What is your riding experience?

### Please provide details if your horse has had any major illnesses, veterinary diagnosis requiring long term treatment, been lame or has any stable vices

- [ ] Please attach proof of current vaccinations for tetanus and strangles

### What are your anticipated horse accommodation requirements for Semester 1?
- [ ] Full board (7 days/week)
- [ ] Weekly board (5 days per week)
- [ ] Daily board (3 days per week)
- [ ] Booking fee enclosed ($35)

Please note there are no grass paddocks available for agisted horses.

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**Please read the terms and conditions attached to this form, sign the form and forward to:**

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  - Equine Unit
  - The University of Queensland
  - Gatton Campus
  - GATTON QLD 4343

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Terms and Conditions for Agistment and Use of Private Horses (Equine Students)

1. In these terms and conditions:
   a) “Agistment” means the agistment of the Private Horse;
   b) “Agistment Area” means yards and stables located on Gatton Campus, as designated by the University from time to time, which are to be used for Agistment. (See attached Map);
   c) “Booking Form” means the University’s booking form which is submitted by the Owner and Student requesting permission in relation to Agistment and the Permitted Uses;
   d) “Course Work” means activities undertaken by the Student in accordance with the course profile/s which are applicable to the Student from time to time during the Student’s enrolment in a Program;
   e) “Course Work Area” means that part of Gatton Campus as marked on the attached plan which may be changed by the University from time to time. (See attached Map);
   f) “Designated Area” means that part of Gatton Campus or any other areas as marked on the attached map which may be changed by the University from time to time. (See attached Map);
   g) “Equine Unit” means the University's Gatton Campus Equine Unit;
   h) “Gatton Campus” means the University’s Gatton campus located on the Warrego Highway, Gatton Qld 4343;
   i) “Owner” means the person specified as such on the Booking Form as either the owner or lessee of the Private Horse.
   j) “Private Horse” means the horse specified as such on the Booking Form and which is owned, leased or otherwise possessed by the Owner;
   k) “Permitted Uses” means use of the Private Horse for Course Work in the Course Work Area and recreational horse riding activities in the Designated Area;
   l) “Program” means either an Associate Degree majoring in Equine Studies or a Bachelor of Applied Science majoring in Equine Science at the University;
   m) “Student” means the person specified as such on the Booking Form; and
   n) “the University” means The University of Queensland ABN 63 942 912 684.

2. These terms and conditions together with the Booking form and Equine Unit Procedures shall comprise the agreement between the Owner, Student and the University (“the Agreement”). The Owner and Student acknowledge receipt of a copy of the Equine Unit Procedures prior to execution of this Agreement.

3. Subject to the terms of this Agreement:
   a) the Owner and Student may agist the Private Horse in the Agistment Area only;
   b) the Student may conduct recreational horse riding activities with the Private Horse in the Designated Area only; and
   c) the Student may conduct Course Work with the Private Horse in the Course Work Area only.

   The University shall not be responsible for any injury, death, loss or damage whatsoever which arises from any use of the Private Horse outside the Designated Area, Course Work Area or Agistment Area and other than in accordance with this clause.

4. Recreational horse riding activities shall only be on days and at times determined by the University in its absolute discretion and strictly in accordance with the directions of the University’s Equine Unit Coordinator or nominee and any other requirements advised by the University to the Student from time to time.

5. The Owner and Student shall be responsible for the care and husbandry of the Private Horse and must comply with directions of the University’s staff in respect of such care.

6. At all times while in the Agistment Area, Course Work Area or Designated Area, the Owner and Student must comply with:
   a) all laws and regulations relating to the use of the Agistment Area, Course Work Area and Designated Area;
   b) the Equine Unit’s code of conduct which includes a requirement on the Owner and Student to ensure that a safe and professional standard of behaviour and dress is maintained while the Owner and Student are working and participating in any activity at the Equine Unit; and
   c) all reasonable directions of University staff.

7. No person may ride or otherwise use the Private Horse in the Agistment Area or Designated Area other than the Student.
8. All applicable Agistment and use fees must be paid in advance in accordance with the terms of the Equine Unit Procedures.

9. The Owner and Student will keep the Private Horse’s stable and or yard in a clean and tidy condition.

10. The Owner acknowledges that Agistment and other use of the Private Horse on Gatton Campus (including for the Permitted Uses) is at the risk of the Owner.

11. The Owner and Student release the University, its executive officers, instructors, members, employees and agents from all liability arising from any injury, loss or damage to any person or property (including the Private Horse), as a result of the Owner and Student’s use of the Agistment Area or Designated Area or any negligent act, breach of duty, default and/or omission on the part of the University, its executive officers, instructors, members, employees or agents.

12. The Owner and Student shall indemnify the University, its executive officers, instructors, members, employees and agents (“those indemnified”) from and against all damages, costs, expenses, loss or damage which those indemnified may incur or sustain and all actions, proceedings, claims and demands whatsoever which may be brought or made against those indemnified by any person in respect of or by reason of or arising out of:
   (a) any negligence or other wrongful act or omission of the Owner, Student, their employees or visitors or of any other persons for whose acts or omissions the Owner and Student are vicariously liable;
   (b) death, injury, loss of or damage to the Owner, Student or the Owner’s employees or visitors; or
   (d) any damage, injury, death, expense or loss to any person or property (including to other animals) caused or contributed to by the Private Horse.

13. Clauses 10, 11 and 12 shall not apply to the extent that the relevant injury, death, loss, damage or expense arises during Course Work unless such injury, death, loss or damage is to the Private Horse or any other property of the Owner or Student in which case clauses 10, 11 and 12 shall still apply.

14. The Owner and Student must take out and maintain, for the duration of this Agreement, adequate personal accident insurance through the Equestrian Federation of Australia Ltd. The Owner and Student will provide to the University, on request, a copy of the certificate of currency for such insurance and copies of relevant insurance policies.

15. In addition to any other rights the University may have, the University may terminate this Agreement, after 7 days written notice to the Owner and Student, in the event of the following:
   a) The Owner fails to pay the required Agistment or use fees;
   b) The Owner and/or Student fail to adequately care for the Private Horse;
   c) The Owner or Student fail to follow the reasonable directions of the University’s staff;
   d) the Owner or Student is engaged in inappropriate behaviour or dangerous or unlawful activities in the Equine Unit;
   e) either the Owner or Student is in material breach of this Agreement.

16. If there is an inconsistency or conflict between these terms and conditions and the Equine Unit Procedures, these terms and conditions shall prevail to the extent of the inconsistency or conflict.

17. I agree to the above terms and conditions and confirm that the details I have specified in the Booking Form are true and correct.

18. Upon the execution of the Booking Form and these terms and conditions by the Owner and Student, the University will consider the Owner and Student’s request for Agistment and use of the Private Horse for the Permitted Uses. The University shall be entitled to approve or refuse the Owner and Student’s request in its absolute discretion and the University shall not be bound by this Agreement until such time as the University’s Equine Unit Coordinator has approved such request in writing.