

Industry Exploration Activity

Racing SA's careers team is now offering the unique experience of going behind-the-scenes at a racecourse, providing insight what happens day-to-day in the thoroughbred racing industry.

Your students may have been to a race meeting or have watched a race on TV before, but how does a horse go from a foal to a racehorse? And who helps them get there?

This activity answers those questions and more through a 'backstage tour' of the busy operations of a weekday morning at a racecourse.

Importantly, it also provides a greater understanding of some of the many varied careers associated with racing – from stablehands, to track staff, jockeys, horse riders and educators, horse trainers, vets and race club administrators.

The early morning tour includes a Morphettville Racecourse Training Centre visit and a visit to a professional racehorse trainer's stable. There is also the option to visit Morphettville Racecourse's raceday facilities or attend a mid-week Country or Provincial Race Meeting



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More details on each component of the tour is included below:

A Morphettville Racecourse Training Centre & Racehorse Trainer Stable visit:

- The opportunity to walk into the racecourse to observe racehorses exercising on the track under the guidance of jockeys and trackwork riders
- Observe stable staff caring for the horses – preparing them through saddling and grooming as well as the wash down and sand roll
- Watching racehorses exercise in the swimming pool and water walker
- The opportunity to hear from industry experts with varied careers
- Watch stable hands conduct their day-to-day tasks
- Hear about the overall planning and running of a thriving racing stable
- Tours are limited in number and are during 6.30am-8am. Other options can be considered upon request.

Morphettville Racecourse Raceday Facilities:

- A tour through racecourse facilities; e.g. Mounting Yard; Jockeys' Rooms; Scales/Stewards Area and the Judge/Broadcast

A Race-Day visit:

- Come behind the scenes on a mid-week provincial race meeting
- Walk the turf & see what goes into the race day event management
- Visit the broadcast box
- Go back stage to the jockeys locker rooms and scales area
- Observe the stewards & officials routine to ensure a safe workplace
- See our thoroughbreds up close while they are competing and gain an insight to the thoroughbred care and welfare, rules and regulations
- Limited numbers and racecourse locations, can be discussed on request.

