

# 2026 NYSF STEM Hub- Terms and Conditions (Melbourne)

## Eligibility

To be eligible to attend the program, participants need to be:

- Currently in year 10, 11 or 12 or equivalent
- Attend school within Australia
- Have an interest in STEM

## Program Fee

The program fee is \$80 per participant. This fee covers:

- All programmed visits and activities
- Transport to and from visits from the hub meeting location

The program fee is payable at the time of registration and is made through the Eventbrite platform.

Reduced rates are available for 2026 Year 12 Program Alumni, school group bookings of more than 5 participants, and under the NYSF Access and Equity scholarship program.

## Withdrawal/Cancellation Information

### Cancellation by Participant

- Any cancellation/withdrawal of a Participant before 5pm AEST on Friday 13 March 2026 will result in a refund of the Fee to the Participant minus any non-refundable costs, such as Eventbrite ticketing service fee, paid tours, or venue entry fees purchased by NYSF on behalf of the Participant.
- Any cancellation/withdrawal of a Participant on or after Saturday 14 March 2026 (Late Withdrawal) will result in no refund of the Fee to the Participant.
- Cancellations must be made in writing to [programs@nysf.edu.au](mailto:programs@nysf.edu.au). The cancellation date is calculated on the day of receipt of written notification of cancellation.
- Refunds will not be made to Participants if they fail to attend all or part of the Program.

## Cancellation/Changes by NYSF

- NYSF will use its best endeavours to provide all Program components as advertised but reserves the right to alter or cancel any activities or other arrangements without notice, subject to operational, technical, health and safety, weather, or other considerations.
- If NYSF cancels the Program, in its entirety, the Participant will receive a full refund of the Fee. If NYSF cancels the Program due to a Force Majeure Event, no refunds will be available to Participants.

## Program Participation

The Program will be held in a day format from Tuesday, 7 April to Friday, 10 April 2026. By registering for the program and paying the fee, participants agree to:

- Attend all days of the program, from the scheduled start time until the scheduled departure time. Participants cannot arrive late or leave early. If a Participant needs to arrive late or leave early, they must seek the specific permission of NYSF, which has the absolute discretion as to whether to allow the late arrival or early departure.
- Arrange their own transport to and from the hub meeting location daily. The NYSF will provide transport from the meeting location to the programmed visits and will return participants to this location at the end of the day.
- Arrange any accommodation they may need to attend the program. NYSF STEM Hubs are a non-residential program. Those attending from outside Melbourne are required to arrange and cover the costs of their own accommodation for the duration of the program.
- Supply their own meals daily unless the NYSF informs them that catering is provided.

## Policies and Procedures

By registering for the program and paying the fee, participants agree to:

- Adhere to the [NYSF Codes of Conduct Policy and Procedures](#). Participants who have breached the NYSF Codes of Conduct can, at the sole discretion of NYSF, have their credentials for participation revoked, be removed from the Program, and sent home at the cost of the Participant. In addition, Participants who have previously breached the NYSF Codes of Conduct can, at the sole discretion of the management, be refused enrolment in any future NYSF program. No refund of the Fee will be provided in these circumstances.
- Adhere to the [NYSF Infectious Disease and Illness Policy and Procedures](#). The health and well-being of all participants is of the utmost importance to the NYSF. If you are unwell, please do not attend the program.
- Adhere to any [other rules and policies](#) put in place by the NYSF and host organisations

## Supervision

NYSF will provide supervision during all program visits and activities. This supervision will be provided by NYSF and Rotary volunteers, as well as NYSF corporate staff.

The NYSF does not provide supervision outside of program hours. This includes travel to and from the hub meeting location. It is the responsibility of Participants and their parent/guardian to arrange suitable supervision during travel as may be required, having regard to the age and maturity of the Participant, any additional needs the Participant has, the ability of the Participant to travel independently, the time of day of travel, and the distance from the Participant's home to the Program including the need to change modes of transport.

## Medical Treatment

It is the Participant's responsibility to inform NYSF staff of any medical conditions, allergies, food restrictions, or any other special needs they may have.

By registering for the program and paying the fee, participants give permission for appropriate first aid, including temporary pain relief medication (unless otherwise indicated on the Registration Form), to be administered to the Participant by NYSF staff, NYSF volunteers, or Rotary volunteers.

In the case of an emergency, NYSF agrees to make all reasonable attempts to communicate with a Participant's parent/guardian. Where it is impractical to communicate with a parent/guardian, a member of NYSF (including NYSF volunteers and Rotary volunteers) may provide consent to obtain emergency medical assistance, treatment and transport for the Participant as deemed reasonably necessary. The Participant agrees to pay for all costs and expenses associated with such medical assistance, treatment and transport.

## Media Consent

Photos and videos will be captured throughout the 2026 STEM Hub programs and may be used in official National Youth Science Forum communications, including but not limited to social media, newsletters, and promotional content. If you wish to OPT OUT of being captured in this content, please contact the NYSF External Relations team at [communications@nysf.edu.au](mailto:communications@nysf.edu.au).

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