

SCIENCE WEEK 2022 VIRTUAL EXCURSION FAQs

WHAT IS A VIRTUAL EXCURSION?

A Webinar includes:

- 60-minute online workshop, hosted by a Puffing Billy Railway Education Officer
- Link to National Science week online resources

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An online webinar is a 60-minute virtual lesson with an experienced Puffing Billy Railway educator. Each virtual excursion will focus on National Science Week's theme of *Glass: More than meets the eye*, based on the *UN International Year of Glass*. Each workshop will celebrate the use and role of glass at Puffing Billy Railway and supports your teaching of the Victorian Curriculum or VEYLDF. While not a journey on Puffing Billy Railway, each webinar is designed to be interactive and engaging for your students.

WHAT VIDEO MEETING SOFTWARE DO YOU USE?

Puffing Billy Railway hosts webinars in Zoom due to its security and Internet stability.

HOW DO MY STUDENTS JOIN THE VIRTUAL EXCURSION?

You will receive an email with instructions after you book your Virtual excursion. You are welcome to join your virtual excursion as a whole class using your computer's microphone and webcam along with a projector screen for all students to see. Your class is also welcome to join on their individual devices if they are in separate locations.

DO I NEED TO ATTEND MY VIRTUAL EXCURSION WITH MY STUDENTS?

Yes. You can help us link what students experience in the webinar to what you are teaching in your classroom. Helping to facilitate and monitor student behaviour is also appreciated.

WILL THERE BE OTHER SCHOOLS IN MY VIRTUAL EXCURSION?

No – your virtual excursion is just for you and your students. Webcams and microphones will be turned on so that your students can talk to the Puffing Billy Railway Education Officer during the webinar.

WHEN ARE VIRTUAL EXCURSIONS AVAILABLE?

- National Science Week, August 13th-21st, 2022
- Monday 15th August 1-hour sessions, 10am-3pm
- If enquiring about an alternate time or day, please contact our customer service team info@pbr.org.au or call 03 9757 0700



WILL THE VIRTUAL EXCURSION BE RECORDED?

To protect student privacy, your virtual excursion will not be recorded.

ARE THE VIRTUAL EXCURSIONS ACCESSIBLE?

Closed Captions/Live Transcripts can be turned on during virtual excursions. Simply press the 'CC Live Transcript' button on the action bar at the bottom of the screen. Additionally, you can 'open full transcript' in settings to have the entire meetings transcript open in a side window as it is generated.

HOW DO I BOOK A VIRTUAL EXCURSION?

Call 03 9757 0700 or email info@pbr.org.au to book an online workshop.

Cancellation must be made at least 7 business days prior to your booked workshop.

