



## **FACILITY INFORMATION**

This information is provided to help you plan your visit and addresses requirements in the Education Department's Appendix E: Hire and Provision Services (Section B).

### **Facility Details**

Name	The Bell Tower
Address	Barrack Square, Riverside Drive, Perth, 6000
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Accessible facilities available

### **Conditions of Entry**

Flat shoes must be worn for access to the Observation Deck. Prams, large bags, backpacks and bulky items should be left at the front counter.

### **Duty Supervisor**

A Duty Supervisor is on duty at all times at the Bell Tower. Please see one of our attendants or our front counter staff should you require assistance from the Duty Supervisor. The front counter phone number is 6210 0444 if you require information on the day of your visit.

### **Bookings**

As the capacity of the building is limited to 100 persons by Fire Regulations, booking of groups is essential. Confirmation of group numbers close to the date of the visit is appreciated.

### **Staffing**

There will be Bell Tower's attendants located on viewing levels to monitor the public and provide service and information. Teachers are required to take responsibility for the supervision of their students. Your tour guide will have a valid Working with Children Check.

### **First Aid**

The school will be responsible for first aid services. The Bell Tower will not guarantee that staff will be available to primarily respond to a first aid incident. We have a comprehensive first aid kit and will make every effort to be of assistance during an incident.

### **Access**

The Bell Tower is accessible by lift or stairs. The lift takes visitors to all levels. 1 accessible bathroom on Level 1 and 2 toilets on Level 3 (1 male, 1 female).

## **Emergency Response**

During the event of an emergency the staff of the Bell Tower will respond as quickly and efficiently as possible, based on a documented response plan.

Our staff is trained to respond to specific emergency incidents and the building is equipped with an automatic evacuation announcement system, fire hoses and extinguishers. Emergency response maps are located on each level indicating the exit path and location of fire equipment.

*In the case of an emergency:*

*Teachers and students will be required to listen to PA system announcements and respond to directions from Swan Bells staff. It is the teacher's responsibility to act on Bell Tower staff directions and mobilise/evacuate their group from premises as safely and effectively as possible.*

## **Supervision and Behaviour**

Teachers are responsible for upholding Education Department and School supervision and behaviour policies. The Bell Tower staff will communicate and liaise with school staff following any incident concerning inappropriate supervision or behaviour.

## **Insurance**

Available upon request.

## **Public Transport**

Bus – The Blue Cat bus stops in Barrack Square.

Ferry – Ferry services from South Perth to Elizabeth Quay.

Train - Elizabeth Quay and Perth City train station is close by.

For all public transport information, please visit the Transperth website

[www.transperth.wa.gov.au](http://www.transperth.wa.gov.au)

## **Parking**

Guaranteed parking is not available within Barrack Square, however there is space for drop off/pickups. Limited street parking is on Riverside Drive and the nearest car park is on Terrace Road behind the Perth Concert Hall. The Convention Centre car park is another alternative.

If you require any further details, please contact us. We look forward to seeing you soon.

## **Some Introductory Information About the Belltower**

In 1988, the existing bells of St Martin-in-the-Fields, one of London's most famous churches, were presented to Western Australia as part of a program of activities to commemorate the Australian Bicentennial. This group of 12 bells were cast in 1725-26 and are the only Royal bells known to have left England.

A further five bells were cast in 1988 and in 1997 the WA government commissioned the casting of the "Millennium Bell" to complete a ring of 18 bells, one of the largest in the world.

On October 18<sup>th</sup>, 1998, the then Premier of Western Australia, the Hon. Richard Court MLA, announced plans for the extensive redevelopment of Barrack Square on the foreshore of the Swan River. This would include as its central feature, a spectacular tower to house the "Swan Bells".

Officially opened December 10, 2000, The Swan Bells was Western Australia's Millennium Project and the centrepiece of the Barrack Square Redevelopment– one of the most exciting development projects in the state. The project aimed to revitalise the foreshore and port area, bring new life to the city and become a vibrant focal point for residents and tourists.

Designed by architects Hames Sharley (WA) Pty Ltd, the Swan Bells Belltower is in the first instance a musical instrument, one of the largest on the planet. The glass spire is 82.2 metres tall, the height essential to ensure the tower is not lost in the city backdrop.

The spire is illuminated at night, becoming a lantern or beacon, reaffirming its connection with the maritime world. The sails, which are made of copper, also reflect the maritime history of the area and the importance of mining to the State.

The Belltower is the first in the world to be built to allow the public to view the bells during ringing and to watch the bell ringers perform their art. There is also an external observation deck that offers unparalleled views of the river and the city.

Since its opening, over 1 million people have visited the building and enjoyed its unique attractions. Many others have utilized it for functions and weddings.

It does however, remain a building designed to house a musical instrument of considerable cultural significance and is dedicated to becoming a centre of excellence in the art of English change ringing.