Francis Burt Law Education Programme



Lawyer Visits to Schools Network (LVSN): Guidelines for Teachers

Listed below are some guidelines which we hope you find useful in planning your volunteer lawyer visit.

- 1. Identify a minimum of 3 different dates and times for the volunteer lawyer visit.
- 2. At least 4 weeks notice is required to schedule a lawyer visit to a school.
- 3. Discuss and review with the participating lawyer the area of law studied by your class. Also, discuss the subject matter, the depth of coverage, and the aptitude level of the class and the specific topic you wish the lawyer to address.
- 4. Explain specifically what you would like the presentation to be, e.g. a lecture, a talk interspersed with questions to your class or a simple question and answer period.
- 5. Tell the lawyer how many students will be present and whether s/he will be speaking in the classroom or auditorium.
- 6. State the length of the class period and how long you wish the presentation to be. Participants in the LVSN have also found it helpful to meet ten or fifteen minutes prior to class, to get acquainted and to allow for any last minute changes to be made.
- 7. Indicate what time you wish the lawyer to be at the school and where you will meet. Be certain to provide the exact location of the visitor's entrance and explain any check-in protocol your school may have.
- 8. There is no charge for a volunteer lawyer to visit your school.

9. It is your responsibility to ensure that the volunteer lawyer meets any Working with Children Check requirements.

The Francis Burt Law Education Programme (FBLEP)

The FBLEP seeks to advance the Western Australian community's understanding of the law, legal principles and the court system and operates under the basic principle that all people must understand the law and the legal system which affect them in their daily lives.

The FBLEP groups have the opportunity to visit the Supreme Court, District Court and/or the Magistrates Court. Groups also participate in age appropriate legal education activities, scripted trial re-enactments and/or museum activities.

The FBLEP is mapped to the WA curriculum and is specifically tailored for primary school groups and high school groups: <u>Court Visits</u>

Contact the FBLEP Education Officers on 9324 8686 or at <u>schools@lawsocietywa.asn.au</u> for further information.