
Lawyer Visits to Schools Network (LVSN): Guidelines for Volunteer Lawyers

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

1. The teacher should have identified a minimum of 3 different dates and times for the volunteer lawyer visit. At least 4 weeks notice is required to schedule a lawyer visit to schools.
2. Discuss and review with the teacher the area of law studied by the class. Also, discuss the subject matter, the depth of coverage, and the aptitude level of the class and the specific topic to be addressed.
3. Ask the teacher to specifically explain what s/he 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.
4. Ask the teacher how many students will be present and whether the presentation will be in the classroom or auditorium.
5. Confirm the length of the class period and how long the presentation should 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.
6. Confirm what time you should be at the school and where you will meet. Be certain to confirm the exact location of the visitor's entrance and clarify any check-in protocol that the school may have.
7. The Lawyer Visits to Schools Network is a free service to schools. Lawyers visit schools on a volunteer basis.
8. **Compliance with Working with Children Check requirements is your, and the school's, responsibility.**

The Francis Burt Law Education Programme (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 mock trials or 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: [Court Visits](#)

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