

Knighting Ceremony

During the Middle Ages, it was common practice for knighting ceremonies to take place on the eve of a tournament, battle, or joust. The Abbey Medieval Festival honours this tradition.

In medieval feudal society, knighthood was one of the greatest achievements a person could obtain. Originally a title given to mounted warriors, it eventually became a rank of lower nobility and infused with the ideals of chivalry. Many young boys would train their whole lives to achieve knighthoods, working their way up from pages and squires to earn their spurs.

The authentic 14th-century Knighting Ceremony will take place in the candlelit Abbey Church with its magnificent medieval stained glass windows.

The address is:

1-63 The Abbey Place Caboolture 4510

A small team of dedicated coordinators manage the Abbey Medieval Festival, most are volunteers. This year, we've worked together to create this *Accessibility Guide* to better support visitors in feeling safe and welcome.

For any questions about accessibility, please contact:



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Getting to the Abbey Church.

Can I get public transport to the Abbey Church?

The Abbey Church is not easily accessible by public transport. We recommend travelling to the Abbey Church by car.

Is there clear signage for the Abbey Church?

The Abbey Church is located on the same grounds as the Abbey Museum of Art and Archeology. There will be clear signage onsite as well as volunteers available for assistance.

Is there a drop-off area at the Abbey Church?

Yes, there is a drop-off area available near the Abbey Church.

Is there accessible parking at the Abbey Church?

Yes, there is accessible parking available outside the Abbey Church.

Accessibility at the Abbey Church

Is there an accessible entrance at the front of the Church?

The Abbey Church does have a ramp entry. The door to the Abbey Church measures 125cm across. Photographs of the church entrance and toilet facilities can be found at the end of this guide.

Are there flat surfaces and clear pathways throughout the site?

Yes, there are firm pathways and flat surfaces surrounding the Abbey Church.

Is there a hearing loop available?

No, hearing loops are not available in the Abbey Church.

Is the venue well-lit?

The Knighting Ceremony will be held in a candlelit Church. Although we have lighting both inside and outside the church, some areas will have low lighting.

Is there a separate room/area for people to retreat to?

No, there is not a separate room for people to retreat to during this event. The Knighting Ceremony is a smaller event, with a capacity of 60 people. The ceremony itself will be approximately 45 minutes.

For people who need a break, there are seating options available outside the Church. We recommend bringing warm clothing with you as it can get chilly during the evenings.

Is there an accessible toilet available?

Yes, there is an accessible toilet available approximately 200m from the Abbey Church. While there are lights both inside and outside the Abbey Church, some areas will have low lighting.

Is wheelchair seating available in the Abbey Church?

Yes, there is wheelchair seating available within the Abbey Church.

Is there enough room for a wheelchair to turn and move?

There is limited space in some areas of the Abbey Church for wheelchair and mobility aides to move and turn with ease.

Does wheelchair seating have clear view of the ceremony?

Yes! Wheelchair seating has clear view of the ceremony.

Does the Knighting Ceremony allow guide dogs and service animals?

Yes! The Abbey Church welcomes registered guide dogs and service animals. A grassy area is available outside for toileting.

Is there food and drinks available?

No, there is no food or drink available for purchase at this event.

Additional Information

Do I need to be COVID vaccinated to attend the Knighting Ceremony?

All our events at the Abbey Museum of Art and Archeology will be in accordance with any Government health mandates at that time. Currently, the Queensland Government mandate says you are **NOT required to be vaccinated**. However, it will be whatever the regulations are at the time of the event.

Does the Abbey Church have phone service?

Due to our location, phone service and internet connection can be limited.



The Abbey Church

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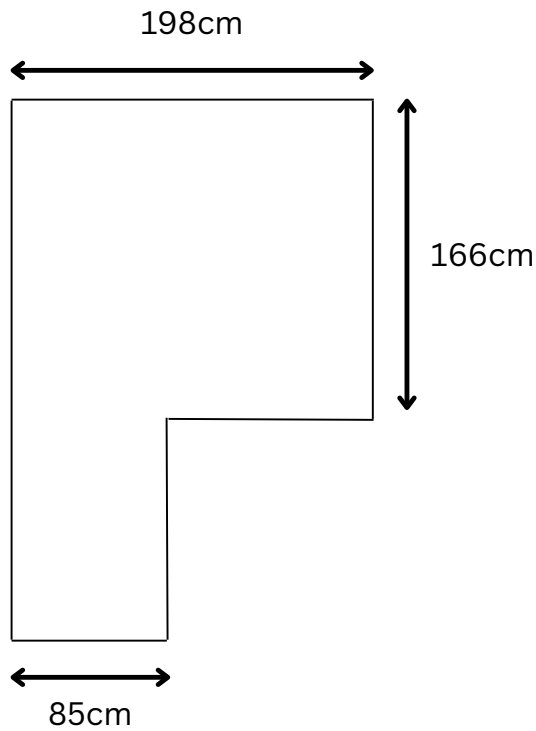
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