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## Teachers to learn the ‘whey’ to make cheese

Teachers from across Queensland will spend the next four days learning what “curd” happen when making cheese during the RNA Teachers’ Cheese Making Workshops at the Brisbane Showgrounds.

Starting from today, more than 30 teachers from 23 schools will get a lesson in the art of cheese making from Royal Queensland Food & Wine Show judge and renowned dairy expert Russell Smith.

Taking part in the internationally awarded workshops are 16 Brisbane-based schools and several regional schools, including Lockyer District State High School, Downslands College, Murgon State High School, Bowenville State School and St Mary’s College Toowoomba.

The six-hour free workshop has been running for more than 10 years and includes a mix of theory and hands-on practical work in blue and white mould cheeses.

Once back in the classroom, the teachers will share their cheese making skills with their students, who will enter the Royal Queensland Show’s (Ekka) Student Made Cheese Competition in September.

Workshop teacher and dairy expert Russell Smith said the competition was a fun and engaging educational experience for teachers and students.

“Making the cheese takes about five hours, then it must rest for around six weeks to mature before it’s ready to eat,” Mr Smith said.

“The process gives students an insight into the microbiology and chemistry of cheese making, which is both complex and fascinating.

“There is an abundance of work opportunities in the food science industry, and this competition gives students an idea of career paths they might not have discovered otherwise,” he said.

**What: RNA Teachers’ Cheese Making Workshops**

**When: 8am to 3pm, Monday 9 May to Thursday 12 May**

**Where: Ernest Baynes Dining Room – Brisbane Showgrounds.**

**Participating schools:** St Peters Lutheran College, Pimpama SSC, Lockyer District SHS, Genesis Christian College, Elanora Primary School, Beenleigh SHS, Burpengary SS College, Downslands College, St John Fisher College, Murgon SHS, Wellington Point SHS, Redcliffe SHS, Park Ridge SHS, Bowenville SS, Bellbird Park SSC, Calamvale Community College, Morayfield SHS, St Mary’s College Toowoomba, Mt Gravatt SHS, Dakabin SHS, Tullawong SHS, Moreton Bay College, Bulimba SS.

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