

QUEENSLAND MUSEUM

SparkLab

SCIENCENTRE

Social Story for children





Our adventure to *SparkLab*, Queensland Museum.



We are going to *SparkLab* at Queensland Museum.

When we arrive at the Museum there will be a big foyer.

There are lots of things hanging from the roof.

They will not fall down.



We will see the giant model dinosaurs out the window as we go to *SparkLab*.



When we arrive at *SparkLab*, we will see the big *SparkLab* sign.
The staff at *SparkLab* wear black t-shirts.
We will have to wait to buy and show our tickets.



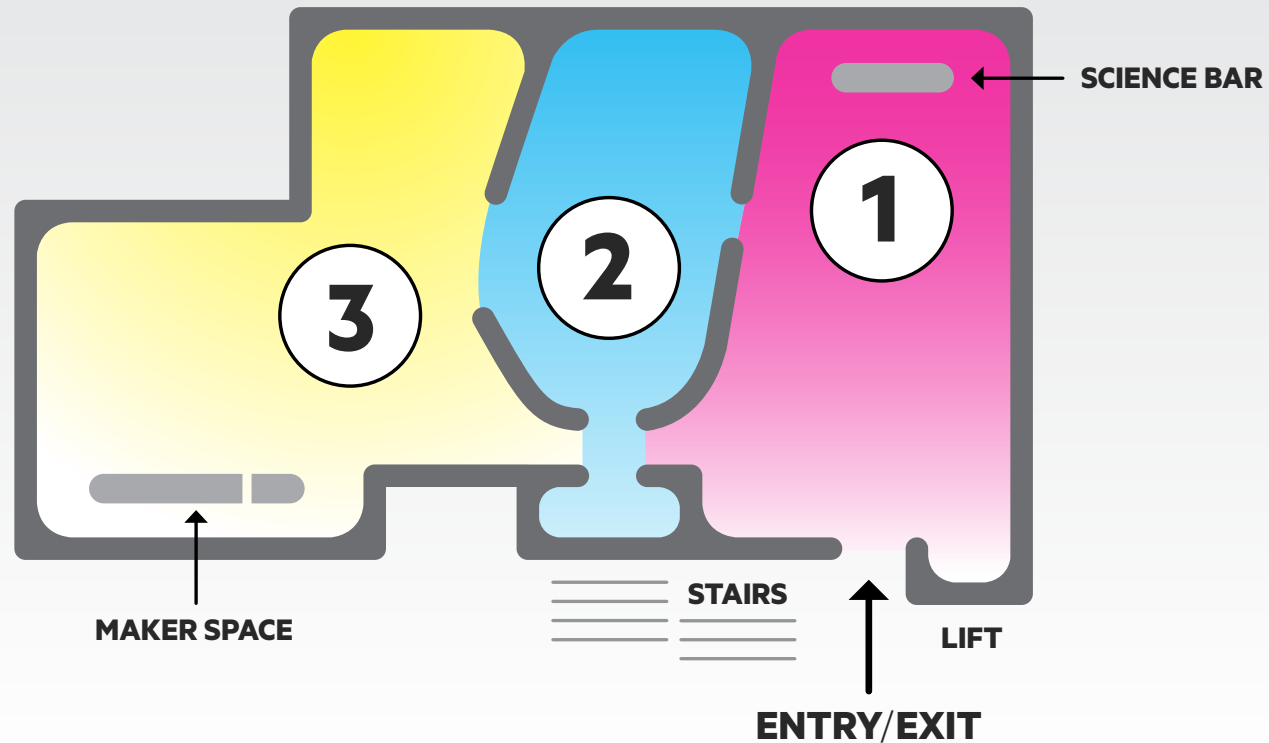
We will go through the doors and there will be lots of things to see and do. Inside *SparkLab*, you must stay with your adult.

There will be lots of people. There will be different noises, sounds, colours and lights.



STOP

If you need quiet time, or you feel worried or uncomfortable...
you will say 'STOP, I don't like it'.



There are 3 different zones in *SparkLab*.
There are also toilets and a water fountain.
We will see all 3 zones, then we will leave and say goodbye.



Sometimes we will need to wait in line for our turn.
When it's your turn, I will tell you when you have 1 minute left.
When I say, 'Time's up' you will finish your turn and we will move to the next activity.



When everyone is sharing nicely we will all be happy!
There are plenty more fun activities to see and do.



The first zone is all about **our world and how it works**.
There will be a giant coloured ball hanging from the roof.
We can change the pictures on the ball.



This zone is a little dark.
There are lots of fun things
to do!

Play with *Flowing mist*,
make *Cloud rings*, roll balls
around a well like planets
orbiting two stars.

If you see something you
don't like, you'll say 'I don't
like this' and we'll go to the
next fun activity.

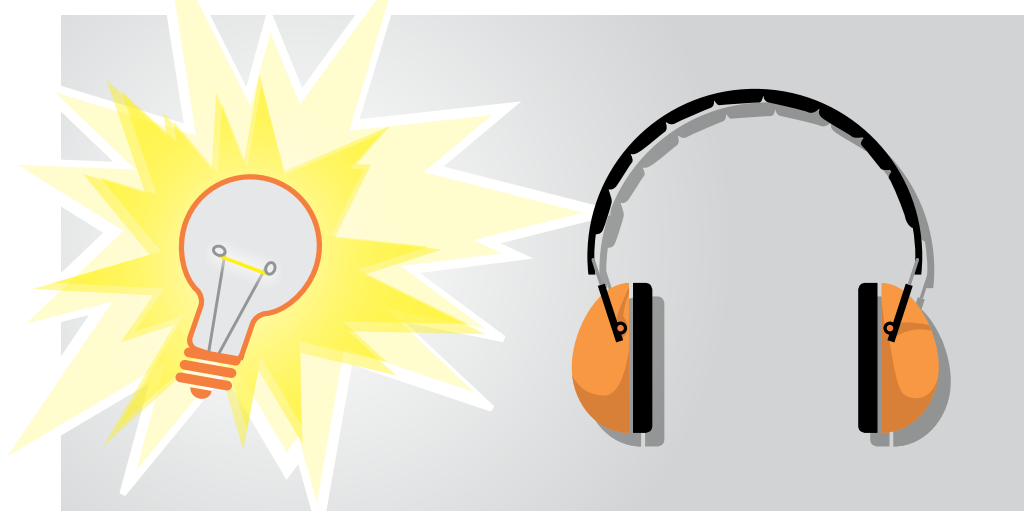


The second zone is all about **how we see and hear our world.**

There are lots of sounds and colours in this zone.

You may want to wear your sunglasses or your ear muffs in this zone.

* *Frozen shadows* has a bright camera flash that flashes every 20 seconds. *Voice manipulation* has a microphone and a special effects machine.





Dance and play with *Coloured shadows*, look at yourself in different types of mirrors, change the sound coming out of a speaker to create *Splashes of sound*.



The third and last zone is all about **how we can change our world by building, making, moving something and solving challenges.**

Make a *Gravity run* out of tubes and balls, build a *Giant arch*, connect up *circuits* and make lights glow and fans spin.





We can design and make something to test out at the Maker Space. When we have played with everything I will tell you 'It's time to go in 5 minutes'. You will know that we are leaving soon.



Then we will say 'Goodbye' to the staff at *SparkLab* and 'Thank you for a fun day'.