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I will be visiting *SparkLab* at Queensland Museum.



SparkLab is a fun space where I can investigate and wonder about the world around me.

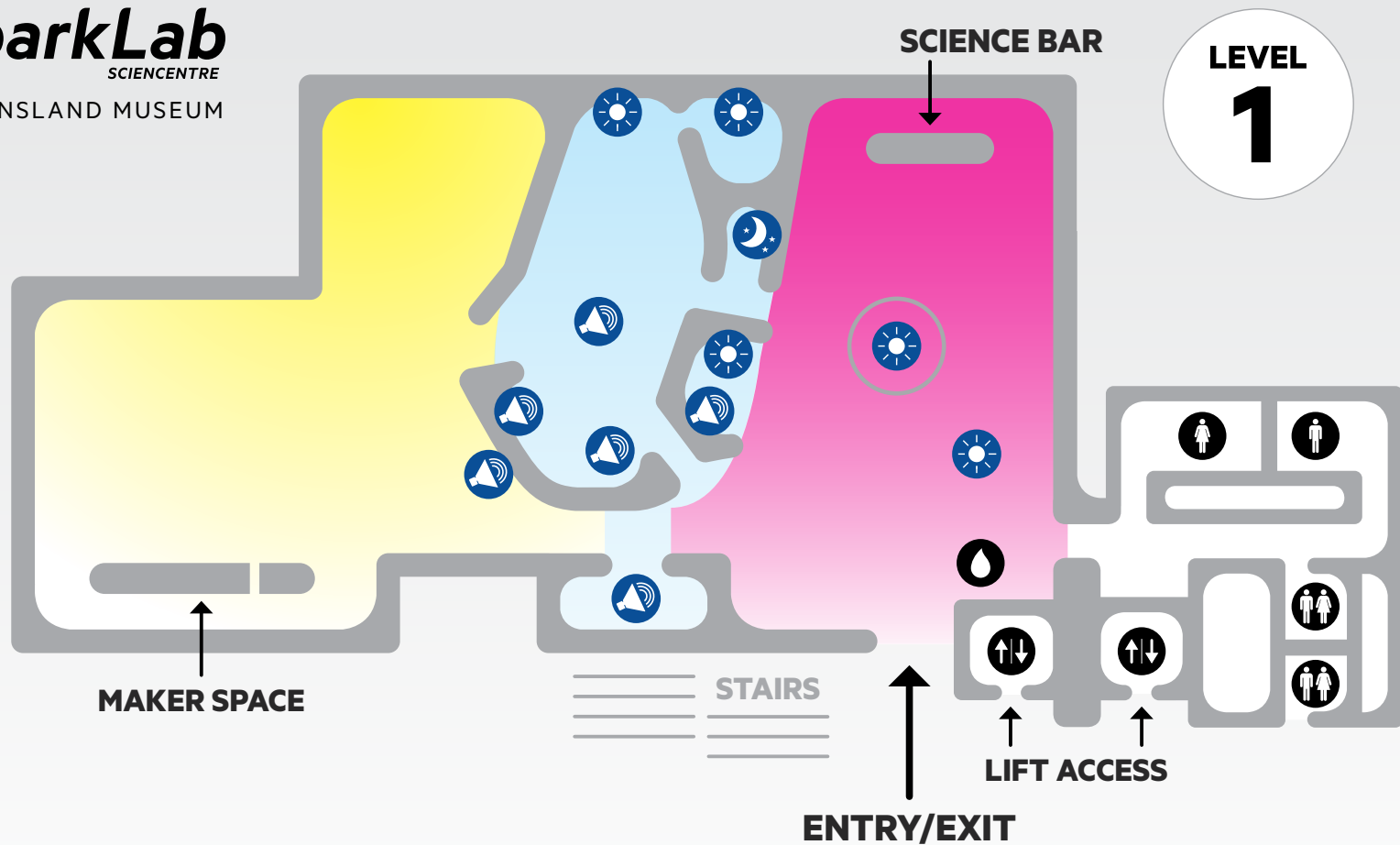


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LEGEND:

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| This exhibit is usually noisy. | Toilets |
| This exhibit is bright and may flash. | Lifts |
| This exhibit has very low light. | Water Bubbler |

ZONES:

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| How can we change our world? What does this change do? |
| How do we perceive our world? Do we all perceive it the same way? |
| Our world and how it works. |

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Here is a map of *SparkLab*. The **blue symbols** used in this map and throughout this social story help me to prepare for spaces that have loud sounds and bright or low lighting. I can bring my own items that will help me to feel comfortable such as: headphones, a hat, sunglasses, a fidget or a comfort toy.

Entering Queensland Museum



When I arrive at Queensland Museum I will enter through the main entrance. This is the main foyer. If there is a line I will need to wait my turn.



Entering *SparkLab*



Next, as I make my way to *SparkLab* I will see the large model dinosaurs from the window.



Entering *SparkLab*



When I arrive at *SparkLab*, I will see the big *SparkLab* sign.
The staff at *SparkLab* wear black t-shirts.
If there is a line I will need to wait my turn to buy or show my ticket.



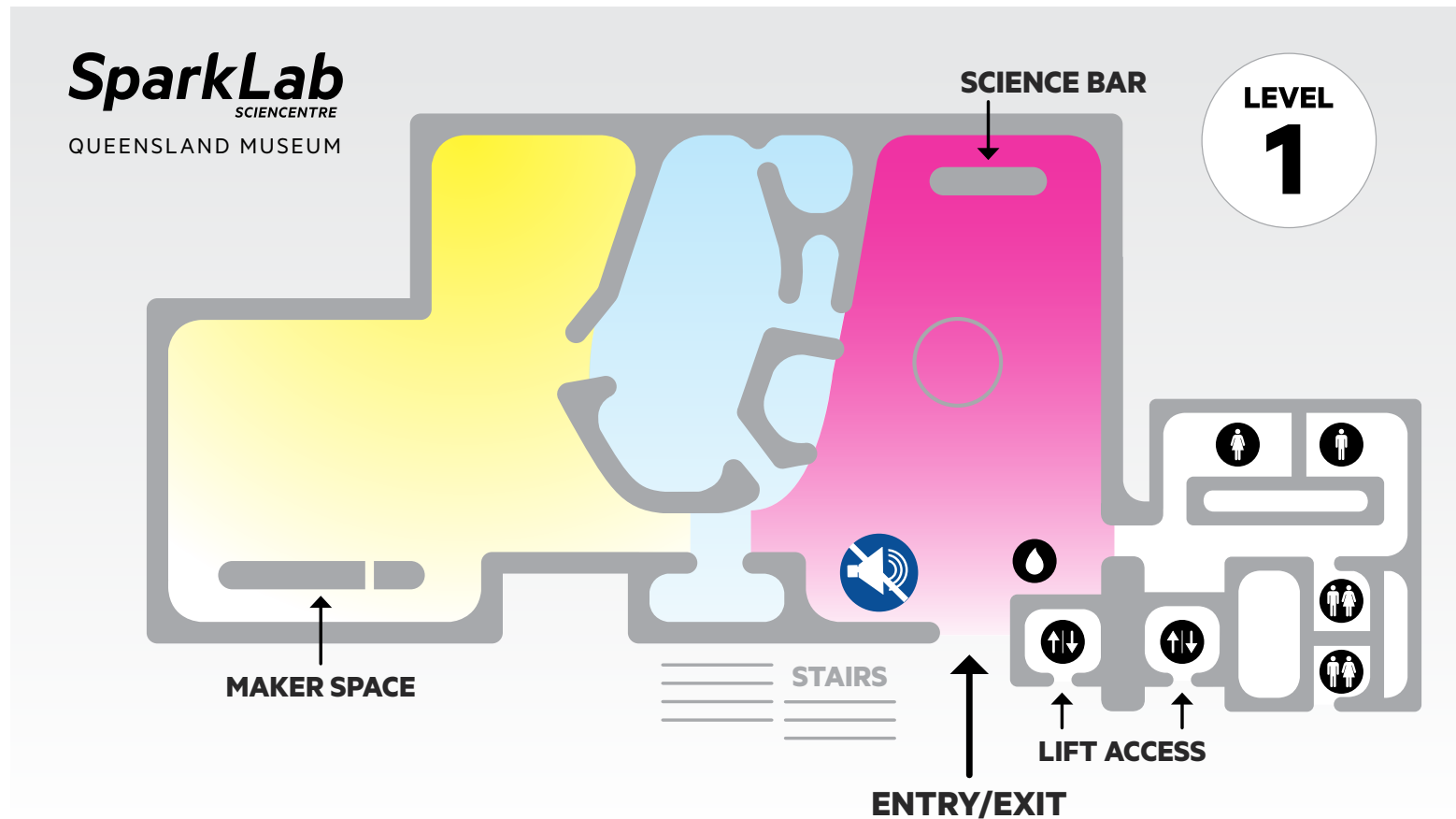
Inside *SparkLab*



There will be lots of things to see and do. Inside *SparkLab*, I must stay with my adult.



Quiet area nearby



If I need quiet time, or I feel worried or uncomfortable ...

I can use any of my items from home such as headphones, fidget toys or sunglasses to help me. I can also tell my adult that I don't like something or I want to go and sit in the seats near the entrance.



Taking turns



Some activities can get busy. I might need to wait in line for my turn or share activities with others.

Exploring *SparkLab*



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



Exploring *SparkLab*



In this first zone 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 I see something I don't like, I can go to the next fun activity.



Exploring *SparkLab*



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, hat or your headphones 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.

Exploring *SparkLab*



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*.



Exploring *SparkLab*



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.



Exploring *SparkLab*



We can design and make something to test out at the Maker Space.



*Thank you for visiting SparkLab
we hope you enjoyed it!*

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Sensory friendly session

We welcome visitors to enjoy Sensory Friendly Sessions at Queensland Museum. We provide a supportive environment where visitors can spend quiet time, wander at your own pace as well as engage in conversations with museum staff.

Check our website for upcoming events
qm.qld.gov.au



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