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PARRAMATTA**

Welcome



At the Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre we engage students in actively exploring and understanding the past and our rich cultural and natural heritage. Our programs engage students in authentic historical contexts and nature based experiences. We aim to develop their creative and critical thinking skills through captivating structured activities and immersive interactions facilitated by our skilled guides.

The programs are aligned with the NSW School Curriculum and are designed to develop skills in key areas, including use of bespoke tools and resources, interpretation of sites and artefacts and empathetic understanding through shared stories.

Parramatta is a unique and complex place brimming with stories and themes which illustrate the formation and development of our nation. It is a remarkable cultural landscape containing sites that document Aboriginal heritage, the first decades of colonisation and the ongoing urbanisation and cultural diversification of western Sydney.

For thousands of years the Burramatta clan of the Darug nation actively and effectively managed the open grasslands and towering eucalypt forests at the head of the harbour. The landscape was "pleasant and picturesque", offering fine prospects for agriculture to Governor Arthur Phillip, when

he and his party explored the area in May 1788. "I think the country as fine as any I have seen in England" wrote Phillip, and in November 1788 the settlement of Rose Hill was established.

Effective agriculture was fundamental to Phillip's vision for a thriving colony of emancipists and free settlers. The tenuous nature of this grand project is reflected in Governor Phillip naming the first land grant 'Experiment Farm'. From 1789 successive harvests consolidated the British foothold in Australia - a turning point for both the British and indigenous Australians.

Parramatta maintained a strategic role in the colony until the middle of the nineteenth century - becoming a place where decisions were made that shaped our emerging nation. This significance has been acknowledged by UNESCO, with Parramatta Park, encompassing Old Government House and the Government Domain, being included on the World Heritage list.

The administrative and agricultural focus of the district gradually gave way to the demands of urbanisation, which has once again positioned Parramatta as a strategic regional capital. Today it stands at the geographic and economic centre of greater Sydney. As the second largest economy in New South Wales, Parramatta is poised to play an integral role in shaping Sydney's future. It has high quality educational institutions, efficient and evolving infrastructure, and a strong focus on innovation. Parramatta also encompasses significant natural habitats, including Lake Parramatta Reserve and the Parramatta River corridor.

The story of Parramatta is one of dynamic change and continuity, reflecting that of Australian society generally. First nations, colonisation, dispossession, urbanization and increasing affluence are themes that are documented in a tangible way by the many heritage sites that exist in this modern city. The cultural diversity of our nation is well represented here and, increasingly, the living heritage of all our waves of people can be sensed, learned and celebrated in Parramatta by young and old alike.

In Parramatta students will enjoy a genuine opportunity to learn about people, cultures, industry, heritage places and natural environments. We thank you for your interest in our Education Programs and we look forward to welcoming you and your students to Parramatta soon.

In this booklet, you will find all the essential information you'll need to plan a cultural and heritage or nature based tour to Parramatta.

Heritage places nearby

Riverside Walk - 10 metres
Hambledon Cottage - 10-minute drive
Experiment Farm Cottage - 10-minute drive
Elizabeth Farm - 10-minute drive
Lancer Barracks & Linden House Museum - 15-minute walk
St Johns Cathedral (down Church Street) - 10-minute walk
Parramatta Park - 10-minute walk
Philip Ruddock Heritage Centre - 15-minute walk

Rest or meal break places nearby

Picnic benches & bubblers by Lennox Bridge - 10 metres
Park benches in Prince Alfred Square - 150 metres
Parramatta Park - 10-minute walk

Coach parking and set-down points nearby

Marist PI - set down/pick-up only
Phillip St (outside Park Royal) - 1 parking bay
Phillip St (at Wharf) - set down/pick-up only
Hunter St (outside SKYE HOTEL Suites) - set down/pick-up only
Valentine Avenue - parking

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Our Visitor Services educational programs and activities are syllabus based and focussed on meeting learning outcomes. They deliver inspiring site-based learning experiences and skills development. The emphasis is on an exploration of culture, heritage and nature through creative play, active games, social interaction and engaging interpretation.

Our Visitor Services Team commits to:

- Provide a safe and welcoming environment
- Offer a range of high quality, accessible and inclusive programs that support learning and development outcomes
- Provide equal opportunities for children to be heard and participate

Booking your Activity

Free City Tour

Want to experience Parramatta before you decide to book your School Excursion? Why not join us for a FREE city tour?

Our free two-hour walking tour is a perfect introduction to Parramatta city. You will experience heritage buildings, the bustle of cafes and restaurants, the open spaces of Parramatta Park, and discover what the City offers after dark.

Find out why Parramatta is a vibrant place to live, play, learn and explore!

Booking Your Excursion

All Schools must complete a booking form for all education programs. These are available online from education@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

All amendments, including updating student numbers or cancellations are required in writing by email to: education@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au. These can be made until 5 days prior to your visit.

Payment can be made by Credit Card, EFTPOS, Direct bank transfer or cheque (payable to the City of Parramatta-Parramatta Heritage and Visitor Information Centre).

To find out more, contact education@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au or complete the enquiry form in the centre

of this brochure.

Terms and Conditions:

PLEASE NOTE: All attendees MUST be at the nominated venue, 15 MINUTES PRIOR to the scheduled starting time.

The City of Parramatta reserves the right to cancel a tour due to weather or other circumstances.



Photo by Salty Dingo.

What our customers are saying:

Apprentice Riverkeepers

"Very interactive, hands-on".
Seven Hills Early Childhood Centre

Darug culture and language Excursion/Incursion

"It was very engaging and extremely relevant to syllabus content".
Epping Public School

Aboriginal Cultural Incursion

"Our students were enthralled the whole time". *O'Connell St PS*

"Outstanding presenter. Exceptional cultural knowledge".
Wentworth Point PS

Interactions and Interconnections

"Activities were appropriate and engaging for the kids".
Merrylands PS

Evolution of a City

"This program provided a comprehensive range of topics that met change and continuity curriculum needs".
Parramatta PS

Bushland Families and Communities

"The students were really engaged and enjoyed the walks and hands-on activities".
Westmead Christian School

Bats, Birds and Beastsies

"Our students really enjoyed being outdoors in our local environment and realising there was so much wildlife in our local area. It had a strong link to classroom work about animal adaptations".
Parramatta West PS

Urban Dynamics

"Amazing and very current knowledge of the changes in Parramatta. Pitched at the right level".
Loreto Normanhurst

Early Learning Incursions

Aboriginal Cultural Incursion

Connections, Wellbeing, Confident Learners, Effective Communicators, Identity

Duration: Negotiable

Children will discover local Aboriginal culture in this engaging program. They will have the opportunity to learn some words in the local Darug language, hear a traditional story, handle some tools and be painted with natural ochre. Through hands-on contact with artefacts, and interactions with a traditional custodian, they will be immersed in traditional Aboriginal ways of life.



Apprentice Riverkeepers

Connections, Wellbeing, Confident Learners, Effective Communicators, Identity

Duration: 1hr

Parramatta's name comes from the Aboriginal words for "the place of eels"; these fascinating animals still thrive in the Parramatta River. Discover their truly amazing life cycle in this engaging program which focuses on the wildlife and environs of the local Parramatta River. The program includes storytelling; musical fun with eel puppets and collaborative construction of an imaginary riverscape. Children will learn to protect natural environments while creating their ideal river habitat.



Early Learning (pre-school) & Early Stage 1

Riverkeepers



Connections, Wellbeing, Confident Learners, Effective Communicators, Identity

Science, Geography, English, Music

Duration: 1.5hrs

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Come and discover their truly amazing life cycle in this engaging program which focuses on the wildlife and environs of the local Parramatta River. The program includes storytelling; musical fun with eel puppets; hands-on, creative eel craft and collaborative construction of an imaginary riverscape. Children will learn to protect natural environments while creating their ideal eel habitat and making an eel to take home.

STe-4WS, STe-8NE, GEe-1, GEe-2, ENe-1A, MUES1.1



Environmental Treasure Hunt



Connections, Wellbeing, Confident Learners, Effective Communicators, Identity

Science, Geography, English, Music

Duration: 1.5hrs

Children will use their senses to actively explore the bush and uncover a world of natural treasures, as they embark on a hunt for environmental clues in their local bushland. There will be opportunities for children to accept challenges; to use symbols to map sound; to create a record of the beauty found in small things and to share their discoveries with the group.

STe-4WS, STe-8NE, GEe-1, GEe-2, ENe-1A, MUES1.3

Stage 1

Bridges Through Time



History, Geography, Science, English, Maths

Duration: 2.5hrs

The convict built Lennox Bridge opened the way for expansion to the north of the settlement. After many extensions and adaptations it still spans the Parramatta River, serving as a vital transport route. Discover the story behind this elegant stone bridge, how it was constructed and how it has changed to keep up with advances in technology. Students will discover our amazing local bridges (seven in all) on a short walk, examining the building materials and construction techniques, then build their very own arch, beam and truss bridges.

HT1-2, HT1-3, GE1-1, GE1-2, GE1-3, ST1-4WS, ST1-12MW, ST1-13MW, EN1-1A, MA1-16MG

Colonial Capers



History

Duration: 2.5hrs

This highly engaging and interactive excursion introduces participants to the daily lives of children from Parramatta's past - from their education and work, to the games they played. Participants will contrast the routines of convict, Aboriginal and elite colonial children and compare these to their own lives in the digital age.

Along the way students will visit significant colonial sites to discover what they reveal about continuity and change in the local area, play Aboriginal and colonial games and delve into the life stories of real children from the colonial era.

HT1-1, HT1-2, HT1-3



Stage 1 & 2

River Through Time

S1 - History, Geography, Science, English, Maths

S2 - History, Geography, English

Duration: 1.25hr

The Parramatta River was central to the lives of Darug Aboriginal people, and later to the development of the second colonial settlement - providing a transport route, fertile soils and reliable fresh water. This program introduces the natural and cultural interactions around the river and shows how these have changed over time. After an introduction to the catchment, small groups construct model river-scapes - pre-colonial, colonial or modern - and then go on a tour of the various model rivers to compare the river-scapes of different eras and discuss the results.

HT1-2, HT1-4, GE1-1, GE1-2, GE1-3, ST1-4WS, EN1-1A, MA1-16MG

HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, GE2-4, EN2-1A



Minibeast Safari

S1 - Science, Geography, English, Maths

S2 - Science, Geography, English, Maths, Visual Arts

Duration: 2hrs

Students will use a range of techniques to get up close and personal with the tiny bugs and beasties that live in the bush. They will identify, draw, label and describe the creatures they find in different parts of the environment and complete surveys of critters in different ecosystems. Children will also learn how invertebrates benefit the entire ecosystem and help us test its health. Suggested for Term 1, late Term 3 and Term 4, due to increased insect activity at these times.

ST1-4WS, ST1-9ES, ST1-10LW, ST1-11LW, GE1-1, GE1-2, GE1-3, EN1-1A, MA1-16MG

ST2-4WS, ST2-10LW, ST2-11LW, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, GE2-4, EN2-1A, MA2-17MG, VAS2.1, VAS2.2



Big Day Out at the Lake

S1 - Science, History, Geography, English, Maths

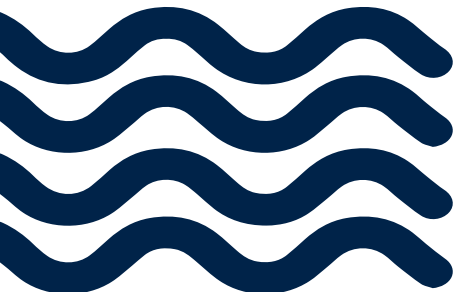
S2 - Science, History, Geography, English, Maths, Visual Arts

Duration: 3hrs

This multi-disciplinary excursion uses the central theme of water in the environment to introduce students to a range of scientific, geographic and historic tools and techniques. Students will participate in a range of activities including invertebrate investigations; a bird survey; and simple mapping exercises. A bushwalk incorporates an overview of local environmental resources and links these to the site's varied history. Materials are provided for further enrichment when back in the classroom.

ST1-4WS, ST1-9ES, ST1-10LW, ST1-11LW, GE1-1, GE1-2, GE1-3, HT1-2, HT1-3, EN1-1A, MA1-16MG

ST2-4WS, ST2-10LW, ST2-11LW, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, GE2-4, HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5, EN2-1A, MA2-17MG



Stage 2

Aboriginal Cultural Incursion/ excursion



History, Geography

Duration: Negotiable

Join an experienced Aboriginal presenter for this immersive cultural activity, which can be organised as either an incursion, or an excursion to Lake Parramatta or John Curtin Reserve. Children will learn of Aboriginal people's relationships to land, listen to stories about country, discover Aboriginal ways of life and hear about the first contacts between traditional custodians and settlers, including the ongoing impacts of settlement. They will learn some words in the local Darug language and may try their hand at some traditional skills.

HT2-1, HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5, GE2-2, GE2-3

Bushland Families and Communities



Science, Geography, English

Duration: 3hrs

This program incorporates nature based games and sensory activities to develop awareness of the features and characteristics of the bushland environment and local wildlife. In small groups, children then have an opportunity to design and make management decisions for their own model bushland reserve before welcoming other groups on a site visit to discuss management decisions.

ST2-4WS, ST2-10LW, ST2-11LW, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, GE2-4, EN2-1A

Stage 2 & 3

Warami Mittigar – Aboriginal Cultural Walk



S2 - History, Geography, English

S3 – History, Geography

Duration: 2hrs

The Darug people are Parramatta's first people and the traditional custodians of this land. Parramatta's name comes from their word "burrumatta, meaning "the place of eels".

This easy walk, along the river and in beautiful Parramatta Park, is a wonderful opportunity to spend time on country with an Aboriginal traditional custodian, learning about connections to land, plant uses, tools, hunting and other aspects of local culture.

The route is partly along unfenced waterways and shared pathways. The activity will NOT be cancelled in case of rain or otherwise adverse weather. Instead, it will become an interactive cultural presentation in the Heritage Centre, where you meet. Should the weather then improve, a shorter walk will take place.

HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, EN2-1A

HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, HT3-4, HT3-5, GE3-1, GE3-2, GE3-3



Evolution of a City



S2 - History, Geography, English

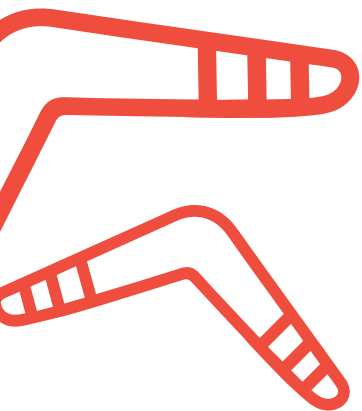
S3 – History, Geography, Visual Arts

Duration: 3hrs

The fertile soils, rich resources, reliable water supply and easy transport options of Parramatta made it a desirable location for both the Darug people and the colonists. These factors shaped the growth of the city and continue to do so. During this walking tour children will visit significant transport, education, farming, food, trade, governance, meeting and housing sites. They will use technology to record change and continuity in Parramatta over time. Children will also develop awareness of Darug connections to this land and the built colonial heritage of our city.

HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5, GE2-2, GE2-3, GE2-4, EN2-1A

HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, HT3-4, HT3-5, GE3-2, GE3-3, GE3-4, VAS3.1, VAS3.2



School Activity Booking Form

Your details will be safely stored and only used for the purposes of this enquiry

Interactive online bookings forms can be obtained from, and returned to,
education@cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au

Please allow 3 working days for us to assess your requirements.

A confirmation email will be sent to you containing risk assessment information.

Contact person	
School or Organisation	
Phone	Fax
Mobile	
Email	
Address	

Type of group school (Year ____) tertiary LOTE (Language Other than English)

Visit (Tour group capacity varies according to activity selected)

Preferred Day & Date: _____ Alternative Day & Date: _____

Please describe your area/s of interest/study

List any special requirements to assist us with your enquiry: *E.g. student in wheelchair*

How did you hear about us?

Word of mouth Visitor Services School Programs Brochure Previous visit

Discover Parramatta website Other please describe _____

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Signature (Authorized representative)		Date	
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Programs	Rate (price per person)	Hours	Preferred start time	Your subject focus	Stage	No. students/staff	Total cost
Apprentice Riverkeepers Inc	\$8.00	1 hr					
Riverkeepers	\$8.00	1.5 hrs					
Environmental Treasure Hunt	\$8.00	1.5 hrs					
Bridges Through Time	\$10.00	2.5 hrs					
Colonial Capers	\$10.00	2.5 hrs					
River Through Time	\$8.00	1.25 hrs					
Minibeast Safari	\$8.00	2 hrs					
Big Day Out at the Lake	\$14.00	3 hrs					
Aboriginal Cultural Excursion/Inursion	\$400.00 per guide	2 hrs					
Bushland Families and Communities	\$14.00	3 hrs					
Evolution of a City	\$10.00	3 hrs					
Warani Mittigar Cultural Walk	\$400.00 per guide	2 hrs					
Historic Dairy Precinct Tour	\$12.00	1 hr					
Sustainability Round Robin	\$15.00	4.5 hrs					

Aboriginal Language and Culture Exc/Inc	\$14.00	3 hrs - 3.15hrs					
First Contact – Trade, F’ships and Conflict	\$8.00	2 hrs					
Bats, Birds and Beasts	\$8.00	2 hrs					
Bush Forensics	\$8.00	2 hrs					
Interactions and Interconnections	\$14.00	3 hrs					
A Portal to the Past	\$14.00	3 hrs					
First Contact in Parramatta	\$14.00	3.5 hrs					
Piecing Together the Past	\$10.00	2.5 hrs					
The Artist, the Artwork, the Audience	\$10.00	2.5 hrs					
Making Sustainable Choices	\$8.00	2 hrs					
Urban Dynamics	\$10.00	2.5 hrs					
First Contact Walks	On application	5 hrs					
Virtual Classroom Experiences	On application	TBA - Depending on Program					

(Please note groups need to arrive minimum 15 minutes prior to program delivery)

Stage 2 & 3

Sustainability Round Robin

S2 – Geography, Science, English

S3 – Geography, Science

Duration: 3hrs

This immersive day in a stunning bushland reserve allows children to enjoy quality time examining a natural environment and the living things that can be found there. Children progress through an Aboriginal cultural presentation, a bushwalk and a range of games and activities. They will consider how traditional owners and land managers use scientific knowledge to balance the many demands we make of our bushland, and discover that the knowledge gained can help them behave in ways that benefit the local environment.

ST2-4WS, ST2-10LW, ST2-11LW, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, GE2-4, EN2-1A

ST3-4WS, ST3-10LW, ST3-11LW, ST3-14BE, GE3-1, GE3-2, GE3-3



Historic Dairy Precinct Tour

S2 - History, Geography, English

S3 – History, Geography

Duration: 1hr

This is a rare opportunity to examine a site that has continually evolved, and yet maintains an ongoing significance which reflects changes in Australian society since colonisation. Originally an important site to the Burramattagal people of the Darug nation, the precinct then became a cattle farm and dairy, helping to feed the struggling colony, until it was eventually absorbed as part of Governor Macquarie's private domain. Later returned to the people as part of World Heritage listed Parramatta Park, where it took on many roles over the years, it is now a fascinating monument to changes in society, land use, construction and technology over time.

This excursion includes a viewing of the sunken dairy, an engaging audio-visual presentation on the complex history of the site, a tour of the cottage vegetable gardens and surrounds and a virtual reality tour of convict George Salter's original cottage, the third oldest building in Australia (now incredibly fragile).

HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, EN2-1A

HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, HT3-4, HT3-5, GE3-1, GE3-2, GE3-3

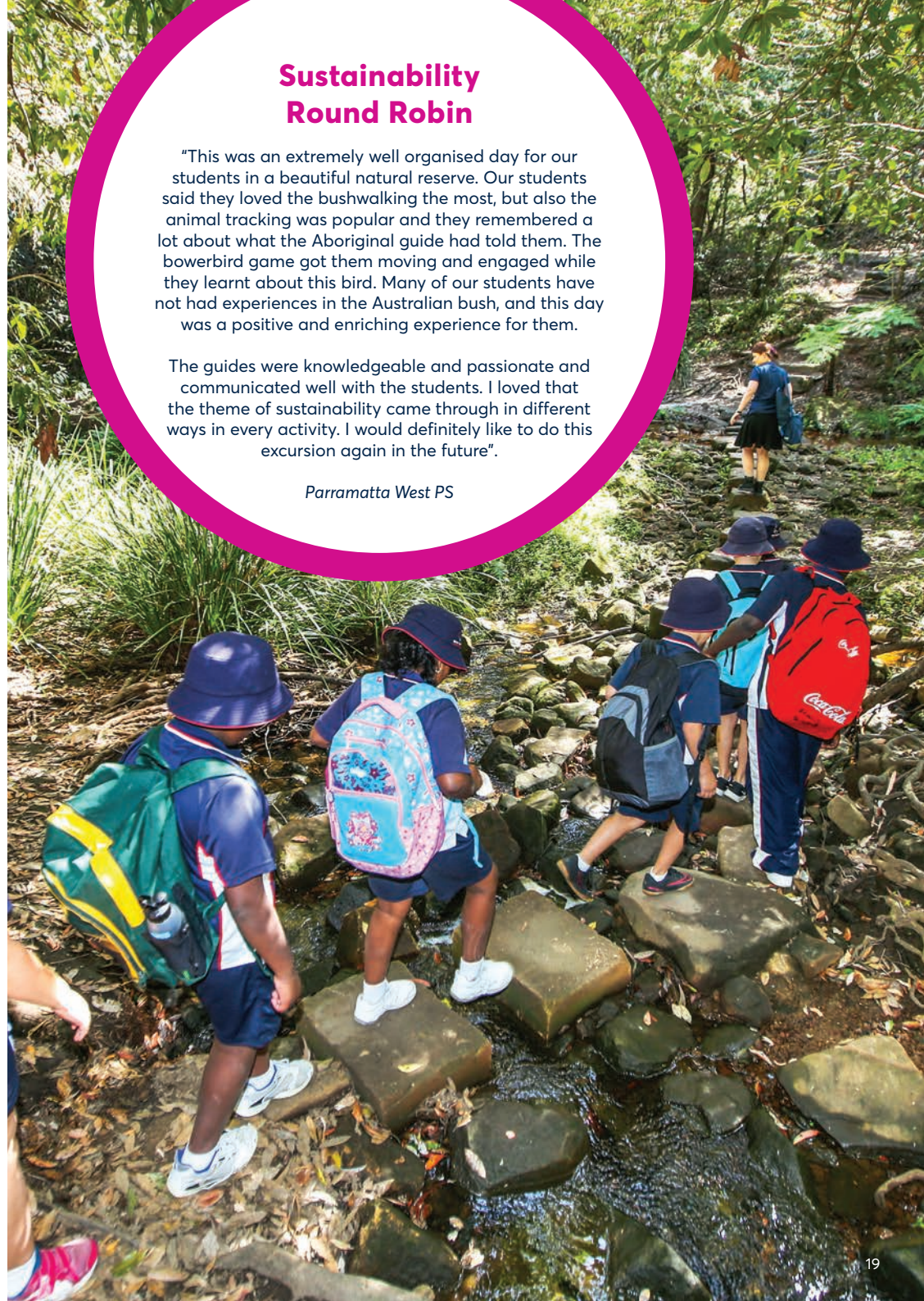


Sustainability Round Robin

"This was an extremely well organised day for our students in a beautiful natural reserve. Our students said they loved the bushwalking the most, but also the animal tracking was popular and they remembered a lot about what the Aboriginal guide had told them. The bowerbird game got them moving and engaged while they learnt about this bird. Many of our students have not had experiences in the Australian bush, and this day was a positive and enriching experience for them.

The guides were knowledgeable and passionate and communicated well with the students. I loved that the theme of sustainability came through in different ways in every activity. I would definitely like to do this excursion again in the future".

Parramatta West PS



Stage 2 & 3

First Contact Walk – Trade, Friendships and Conflict



S2 - History, Geography

S3 - History, Geography

Cross curriculum learning - Aboriginal and TSI history and culture; Sustainability; Intercultural understanding; Diversity and difference; Work and enterprise

Duration: 2.5hrs, inc 30mins meal break

Parramatta played a central part in the history of first contact in New South Wales. As the site of the extensive government farm and the colony's first land grants, it was a place where dispossession of land strongly impacted Aboriginal people, and so it became a major focus for the early frontier conflicts.

Yet Parramatta was also the setting for a range of largely forgotten stories of trade, co-operation and some unlikely friendships.

On this engaging walking tour students will visit a range of significant sites which illustrate the complex shared history of first contact between Aboriginal people and colonists during the first forty years of the colony.

HT2-4, GE2-2, GE2-3

HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, GE 3-2, GE3-3

HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, HT3-4, HT3-5, GE3-1, GE3-2, GE3-3

The Past in the Present - Parramatta Park Google Expedition Incursion



S2 - History, Geography

S3 - History, Geography

Duration: 2hrs

Parramatta Park has a multi-layered history. This is a rare opportunity to examine a site that has continually evolved, and maintains an ongoing significance, reflecting changes in Australian society since colonisation.

Using Google Expedition Virtual Reality goggles, and incorporating hands-on activities, we bring the UNESCO World Heritage listed Parramatta Park to your school.

Through virtual reality students will investigate the diverse landscapes of the park and consider how people have interacted and connected with them over time. They will enjoy rare access to explore the fragile interiors of the Historic Dairy Precinct and will delve into its evolution from a convict farm to a Ranger's cottage.

The virtual reality experience will be interspersed with interactive activities which will engage the senses and enhance learning opportunities.

HT2-2, HT 2-5, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, EN2-1A

HT3-1, HT3-4, HT3-5, GE3-1, GE3-3

ST3-4WS, ST3-10LW, ST3-11LW, ST3-14BE, GE3-1, GE3-2, GE3-3

Aboriginal Language and Culture Excursion/ Incursion



S2 - History

S3 - History

Cross curriculum learning - Aboriginal and TSI history and culture, Sustainability, Intercultural understanding, Diversity and difference and Work and enterprise

Duration: 3hrs -3.15hrs

A Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony prepare the children for this immersive experience of Aboriginal culture. The interactive program includes a Darug cultural presentation; Aboriginal games from around Australia; an animal tracking exercise incorporating Darug animal names and Aboriginal storytelling and song. This round robin program can accommodate up to 120 students and incorporate 3 or 4 separate cultural activities. The excursion takes place at the beautiful Lake Parramatta Reserve, but we can bring it to your school if preferred.

Contact us for details on possible variations to the program.

HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5

HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, HT3-4, HT3-5

HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, HT3-4, HT3-5, GE3-1, GE3-2, GE3-3



Stage 3

Bats, Birds and Beasties



Science, Geography, Maths

Duration: 2.5hrs

The Parramatta River is the lifeblood of the city for a surprising array of creatures with fur, fins, feathers or scales. Learn how they are adapted to survive in the water, on the land, in the trees and in the skies on this activity based walk along the river. Students will consider why some native animals continue to thrive here, while others have disappeared. They will investigate life in a bat colony and discover the features of a variety of waterbirds. The secrets of echolocation and life cycle of Parramatta's iconic eels will also be revealed.

ST3-4WS, ST3-10LW, ST3-11LW, ST3-14BE, GE3-1, GE3-2, MA3-17MG

Bush Forensics



Science, Maths

Duration: 2hrs

Students will become detectives in their quest to draw conclusions as to how the native landscape functions. They will uncover how the bush works by following natural clues, and learn what animal tracks can tell us about adaptations for life in a tough environment. They will use a range of devices - and all of their senses - to uncover evidence of animal hideaways, escape routes, and the wild lifestyles of the niche and fabulous.

ST3-4WS, ST3-10LW, ST3-11LW, MA3-17MG

Interactions and interconnections



Science, Geography

Cross curriculum learning - Aboriginal and TSI history and culture, Sustainability, Intercultural understanding, Diversity and difference and Work and enterprise

Duration: 3hrs

Through participation in immersive games and activities, students will examine various interactions and connections that occur in a natural environment, and discover how specialisation among animals allows them to share limited resources.

An interactive Aboriginal cultural presentation will lead students to consider how Aboriginal people used resources in a way that allowed them to live sustainably in this environment. The excursion will help develop intercultural understanding and promote behaviours that benefit both the children and the local environment.

ST3-11W, GE3-2, GE3-3



Photo by Salty Dingo.

Stage 4

Piecing Together the Past

S3 - History, Science

S4 - History

Duration: 2.5hrs

Through a range of activities, participants in this interactive program will gain experience in various archaeological processes. A scientific examination of genuine artefacts will allow students to determine the likely history of local sites. An interpretive walking tour of selected archaeological sites in the Parramatta CBD will illustrate what each has contributed to our understanding of the past. Finally, a visit to an active archaeological excavation (when available) will allow students to engage with genuine archaeologists.

The activities will illustrate life in Parramatta from pre-colonial times to the present, outline the role of archaeologists and demonstrate what archaeology can reveal about Australia's past.

HT4-1, HT4-5, HT4-6, HT4-8



First Contact in Parramatta Walk

S4 - History

Duration: 3.5hrs, inc 30mins meal break

Parramatta played a pivotal role in the shared history of first contact in New South Wales. As the site of the colony's first land grants, and the extensive government farm, it was a place where dispossession of land strongly impacted Aboriginal people, and so it became a major focus for the early frontier conflicts. Yet Parramatta was also the stage for a range of largely forgotten stories of trade, co-operation and unlikely friendships.

As a centre of governance for the colony, it was where the first recorded protest against dispossession occurred; where the annual Native Feast was staged; and where the Parramatta Native Institute, widely recognised as the site of the first institutional removal of children, was located.

On this engaging walking tour students will discover a range of significant sites which illustrate the complex history of first contact between Aboriginal people and colonists during the first forty years of the colony.

HT4-3, HT4-4, HT4-6, HT4-7

P1.1, P1.2



A Portal to the Past

S3 - Science, Geography
Maths

S4 - Science, Geography,

Duration: 2hrs

Unearth Parramatta's distant past on this exciting journey into deep time. Students will uncover what Parramatta was like over 200 million years ago, discover how the landscape was formed and how it, in turn, shaped the amazing critters that inhabited the area. They will learn how, in more recent times, the ancient foundations of Parramatta provided resources for Aboriginal inhabitants and settlers alike. Students will have an opportunity to handle, study evidence from real fossils, and to draw conclusions about past environments from those remains.

ST3-4WS, ST3-10LW, ST3-11LW, GE3-1, GE3-2, MA3-9MG, MA3-17MG

SC4-4WS, SC4-12ES, SC4-13ES, GE4-1, GE4-2, GE4-5, GE4-7, GE4-8



The Artist, the Artwork, the Audience

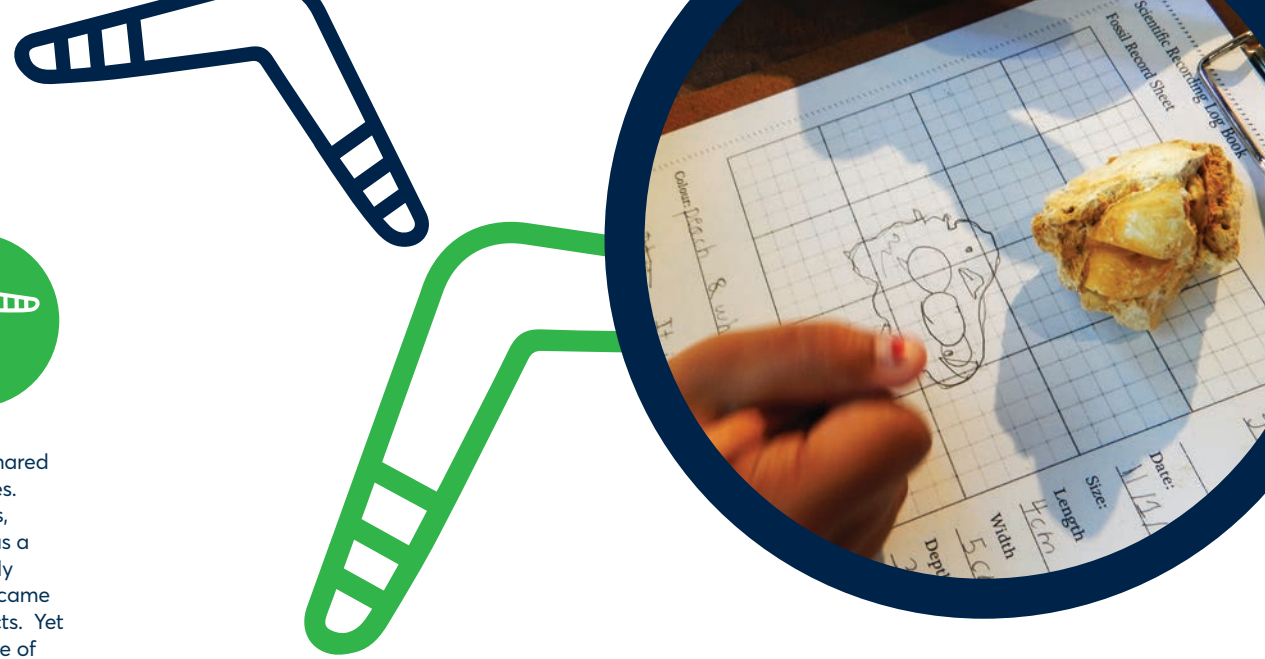
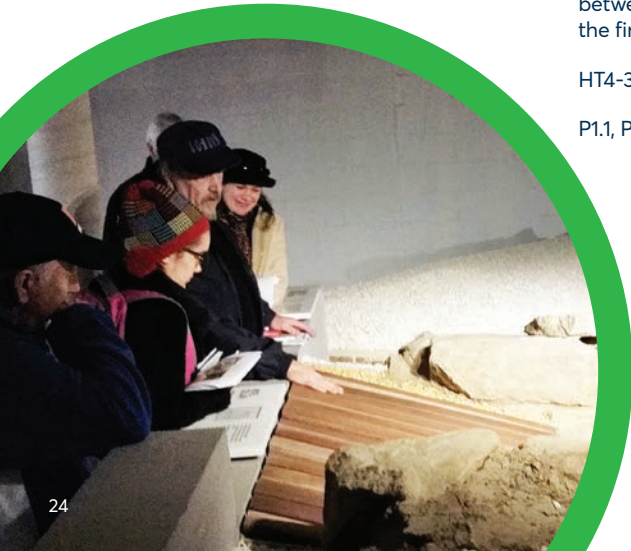
S4 - Visual Arts

Duration: 2.5hrs

On this insightful walking tour students view a range of public artworks in the Parramatta CBD. The motivations of the various commissioning agents and the intentions of the artists are examined, along with the constraints inherent in the commission and imposed by the site. Students consider the likely audience for each work and how they might interact with the art. They will investigate the range of mediums incorporated in different pieces along with the practices of the artists.

Incorporating a range of murals, the tour enables students to identify the conventions of this artistic genre. A visit to the Parramatta Artists Studio will allow students to hear about resident artists and their practice.

AV4-1, AV4-2, AV4-5, AV4-8, AV 4.9



Stage 5

Making Sustainable Choices

S5 - Geography

S5 - Commerce

Duration: 2hrs

This walking tour showcases the sustainable and ethical consumption options that are available in Parramatta, including social enterprise, not-for-profit, charity and sustainable shopping opportunities.

Concepts such as the environmental and social impacts of consumption are examined. Insider tips and practical ideas for making a positive difference to the community and environment are shared. This will enable students to begin developing the skills, values and world knowledge to contribute to and progress towards more equitable and sustainable patterns of living.

This excursion is only available on Fridays to incorporate a site visit to the Parramatta Farmers Market. Other days can be arranged by prior request.

GEE4-4, GEE5-4, COM5-4, COM5-5, COM5-6



Stage 6

First Contact Walks – Trade, Friendships and Conflict/The Imbalance of Power



S6 - Aboriginal Studies

Duration: 5hrs, including 2 x 2hr walks and 1hr meal break

Parramatta played a central role in the history of first contact in New South Wales. As the site of the extensive government farm, and the colony's first land grants, it was a place where dispossession of land strongly impacted Aboriginal people, and so it became a major focus for early frontier conflicts.

As a centre of governance for the colony, it was where the first recorded protest against this dispossession occurred; where the annual Native Feast was initiated by Governor Macquarie; and where the Parramatta Native Institute, widely recognised as the site of the first institutional removal of children, was located.

Parramatta was also the stage for a range of largely forgotten stories of trade, co-operation and some unlikely friendships. These stories allow participants the opportunity to look closely at the lives of individual Aboriginal people and consider how these illustrate the complex nature of first contact.

On this engaging walking tour students will visit a range of significant sites which illustrate the complex shared history of first contact between Aboriginal people and colonists during the first forty years of the colony. They will consider how this shared history came to shape policies and affected the lives of Aboriginal people for generations.

Urban Dynamics

S6 – Geography

Duration: 2-2.5hrs



Parramatta is changing fast! From business to recreation, accommodation to transport, there are big changes afoot. This lively and engaging presentation and walking tour will unearth and investigate current and future developments in the Parramatta CBD, including accommodation, economic, recreational and cultural developments.

Students will learn about the major infrastructure programs which are underway to support these developments, the planning processes involved, the inevitable disruptions and the desired outcomes.

They will develop skills in collecting, analysing and communicating urban data.

H1, H3, H5, H8, H9, H10, H12, H13



New Virtual Classroom Experiences

Darug Language and Culture Course



S2 - History

S3 - History

Cross curriculum learning - Aboriginal and TSI history and culture; Sustainability; Intercultural understanding; Diversity and difference; and Work and enterprise.

This innovative course is introduced by an active and engaging incursion or excursion, which is followed by six online video sessions presented by Darug elders, concluding with a live online Q&A session.

Our guides can visit your school to present an introductory Darug language activity and some Aboriginal games, traditionally used to teach children environmental appreciation and survival skills. Alternately you can bring children on an excursion to beautiful Lake Parramatta for this introductory part of the program.

This is followed by three online video sessions introducing various aspects of culture, including the significance of welcomes and smoking ceremonies; sustainable use of natural resources; the creation and use of traditional tools and aspects of both traditional and contemporary Darug life.

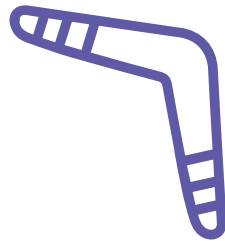
Three interactive cultural sessions follow where children learn a song in language, and then participate in weaving and painting sessions.

To complete this engaging learning experience students participate in an online Q and A session with Darug elders. This can be delivered via Zoom or other online collaboration tool of your choice.

Darug language is included throughout the course and the children will learn a range of basic words as they participate.

HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5

HT3-1, HT3-2, HT3-3, HT3-4, HT3-5



Aboriginal Culture Online



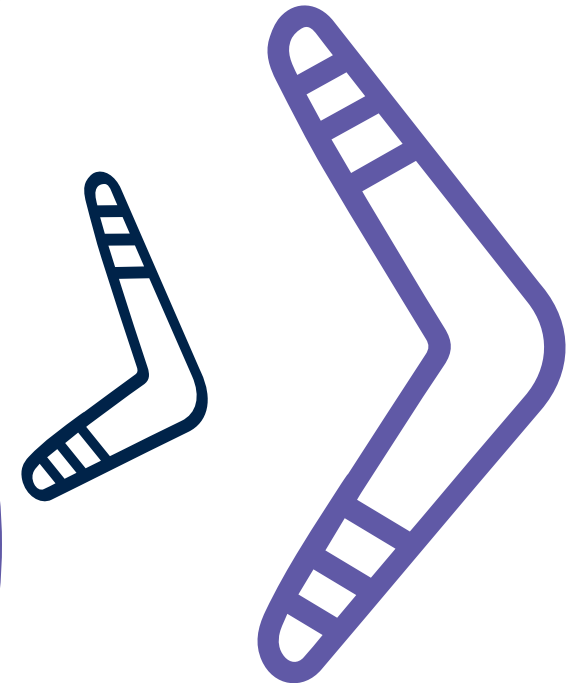
History, Geography

Duration: 3 x 30 min sessions

This immersive online experience includes three video sessions (10-15 mins each) presented by Darug elders and introducing some words in Darug language. Children will learn the ongoing significance of ceremonies. They will discover a range of natural resources used for food, medicine and tools. Then they will discover how ceremony and natural resources feature in both traditional and contemporary Darug life.

This is followed by an online Q and A session with a Darug elder. This can be delivered via Zoom or other online collaboration tool of your choice.

HT2-1, HT2-2, HT2-4, HT2-5, GE2-2, GE2-3



Parramatta People Online – Free access

S2 – History, Geography

S3 – History, Geography



Enhance your students' understanding of our colonial past with this series of short video biographies of the people who lived through it. Each video will bring to life the fascinating story of one person who lived in colonial Parramatta. Together they provide an overview of how the colony functioned.

Available late 2020:

- Baludarri – A Burrumattagal Man
- George Salter – Convict and Cattleman
- Betty Eccles – Dairymaid to the Governor
- James Houison – Colonial Architect

Coming in 2021:

- George Caley and Daniel Moowattin – a Scientific Partnership
- Matron Gordon – Female Factory Superintendent
- Mak Say Sing – Chinese Entrepreneur
- Gregory Blaxland – Free Settler and Explorer
- Matthew Anderson – Surgeon and Politician

<https://historyandheritage.cityofparramatta.nsw.gov.au/our-stories/parramatta-people>

HT2-2, HT2-4, GE2-2, GE2-3

HT3-1, HE3-2, HT3-4, GE3-2

Urban Dynamics Online

S6 – Geography



Duration: 1.5hrs

Parramatta is changing fast! From business to recreation, accommodation to transport, there are big changes afoot. This lively and engaging presentation will unearth and investigate current and future developments in the Parramatta CBD, including residential, economic, recreational and cultural developments.

Students will learn about the major infrastructure programs which are underway to support these developments, the planning processes involved, the inevitable disruptions and the desired outcomes.

They will develop skills in collecting, analysing and communicating urban data, utilising an interactive web portal.

H1, H3, H5, H8, H9, H10, H12, H13

The Past in the Present - Parramatta Park Google Expedition Incursion



S2 – History, Geography

S3 – History, Geography

Duration: 2-2.5 hours

Parramatta Park has a multi-layered history. This is a rare opportunity to examine a site that has continually evolved, and maintains an ongoing significance, reflecting changes in Australian society since colonisation.

Using Google Expedition Virtual Reality goggles, and incorporating hands-on activities, we bring the UNESCO World Heritage listed Parramatta Park to your school.

Through virtual reality students will investigate the diverse landscapes of the park and consider how people have interacted and connected with them over time. They will enjoy rare access to explore the fragile interiors of the Historic Dairy Precinct and will delve into its evolution from a convict farm to a Ranger's cottage.

Two engaging short films will share the stories of convicts George Salter, who built the cottage and Betty Eccles, who later worked there as a dairy maid.

The virtual reality experience will be interspersed with activities which will engage the senses and enhance learning opportunities.

HT2-2, HT 2-5, GE2-1, GE2-2, GE2-3, EN2-1A

HT3-1, HT3-4, HT3-5, GE3-1, GE3-3





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