

# Werribee Mansion (Werribee Park)

## Education Program

Visit Werribee Park Mansion to discover what life was like in the 1800s. Schools can explore the historic Chirnside family mansion and its grounds to discover how lifestyles, communities and environmental attitudes have changed over time.

### Excursion topic

#### Stepping Back in Time – Victorian Children's Bedroom

Levels: P - 2

Key Learning areas: History

Covering the themes of education, family and leisure, this program will immerse students in hands-on activities in the children's bedroom to explore the life of a Victorian era child. Students will write on slate boards, see Victorian clothes, learn about the structure of a Victorian household and society. Connecting to the life of a Victorian child will allow the students to compare their lives and the rules they are familiar with at home and school.

#### Windows to the Past - Washday /House Work Hard work

Levels: P - 2

Key Learning Areas: History

This program encourages students to compare their own lives with that of the Chirnside family and the servants of the Mansion. Artefacts are used to illustrate changes that have occurred over time. Comparisons of technology past and present are explored and how it changed society. Students are encouraged to hand wash clothing with equipment from the late 1800s and make comparisons to modern appliances.

### Werribee Mansion

Levels: 3 – 4

Key Learning Areas: History, Personal and Social Capabilities

This tour compares the lifestyle, work, social customs and etiquette of communities past and present. The mansion, its resident family and servant staff represent the lifestyle of many people of the 19th century. Students explore the different lives of the former residents of the mansion and compare their lives based upon their social position and status in society.

### The Working Heart of Werribee - The Farm

Levels: 1 - 6

Key Learning Areas: History, Personal and Social Capabilities

The working heart of 1880s Werribee, the farm program explores the 1880s pastoral life of workers as reflected through the buildings, objects and hands-on rope making and other activities within the farm area. We meet at the homestead, introducing Victorian farm life through a series of photographs and gain an insight into the lifestyle and the roles people held at the farm. Students will be able to compare farm life to that of the luxury and comfort of the Chirnside mansion.

### Group size

Each tour can accommodate up to 20 students at a time. A maximum of four groups per day with student numbers over 100 split over two days.

### Availability

Educational school tours operate Monday to Friday during the school term. The tours are scheduled between 10am and 2pm, with a designated area to store bags and have lunch. Bus parking available.

### Booking your visit

To find out more about the programs available at Werribee Park, including cost and availability, please contact Werribee Park Bookings on; [werribeebookings@parks.vic.gov.au](mailto:werribeebookings@parks.vic.gov.au)

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