

KIDS & EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES FACT SHEET

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| <p>Overview</p> | <p>Victoria's 1850s gold rush heritage is alive, exciting and very hands-on at Sovereign Hill with creative, stimulating and interactive experiences. Children can enjoy Sovereign Hill indoors, outdoors, above-ground and below-ground, giving a tremendous variety for school excursions and ensuring an action-packed, fun day for young families as well.</p> |
| <p>Birthday Parties</p> | <p>A day spent at Sovereign Hill is a great way to entertain a child's birthday guests. There is gold panning, coach rides, underground mine tours (including a thrilling train ride), a spectacular gold pour, a popular sweet store and factory, a goldfields school, a Redcoat soldiers parade, horse-shoeing, steam-powered machinery and much more!</p> <p>Choose from these two great value birthday packages:</p> <p>The Digger's Party</p> <p>Bring the children to Sovereign Hill for the day and they'll reserve a lunch table and provide the food: nuggets, chips, party pies and juice box. Cost \$21 per child: includes 1/2 hour lunch and day entry to Sovereign Hill which means your group has all day to explore.</p> <p>Gold Fever Adventure</p> <p>Bring the children to Sovereign Hill for the day and Sovereign Hill's Party Host will take you on a fun-filled 2-hour tour with lunch and loads of activities. They'll reserve a lunch table and provide the food: nuggets, chips, party pies and juice box. Nine-pin bowling, gold panning and a horse and coach ride are guaranteed to keep everyone entertained. Children watch the sweet maker at work and visit the candle factory to make a colourful dipped candle to take home. Cost \$26 per child: includes Party Host for 2-hour tour including 1/2 hour lunch and day entry to Sovereign Hill which means your group can spend the whole day at Sovereign Hill if you choose.</p> <p>For Birthday Party information, bookings and payment contact: Marg Alpen Telephone 03 5337 1178 Email malpen@sovereignhill.com.au</p> |
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| <p>Sessions</p> | <p>Sovereign Hill Education Officers, who are all experienced teachers. They provide unique on-site sessions, trails and education materials suitable for all students designed to achieve VELS outcomes.</p> <p>The 2009 VELS program has 13 sessions arranged into year levels.</p> <p>Teachers can visit the website to download the 2009 Education Sessions VELS Grid.</p> <p>A single entry fee gives visitors a day of educational activities and fun! Paid entry gets a session with an Education Officer, and could include some or all of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Self-guided tour of the Voyage to Discovery Orientation Centre • Self-guided tour of the Red Hill Mine • Gold smelting demonstration producing a \$60,000 gold ingot • Gold panning in the creek • Self-guided student trails • The Gold Museum <p>Pre booking is essential for all these activities.</p> <p>If additional time is available the following activities can be arranged:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The new Chinese camp experience ○ Demonstrations of wheelwrighting, confectionary making and traditional candle making ○ Trades including a Blacksmith, Tinsmith and Metal Spinning ○ Visits to cottages and shops for all walks of life ○ Visiting the heritage steam engines and boilers ○ The parade of Redcoats at 1.30pm ○ A variety of interpretive theatre telling stories of gold rush life and characters including the sensational Lola Montez, the Night Cart, a musket firing, the amazing Voltaic Battery, Licence Hunts and more (program subject to change - check the daily program in the Victoria Theatre foyer) |
| <p>Self Directed</p> | <p>These programs and resources provide a framework of activities for educational visits. Teachers can use them to create their own itinerary with their students.</p> |

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| <p>Learning</p> | <p>Teachers can do it themselves or Sovereign Hill staff can facilitate the program with them. These programs are a great way of linking classroom preparation and learning outcomes from your visit.</p> <p><u>Teddy's Visit to Sovereign Hill</u> (For Kindergarten – Grade 2 students)</p> <p>Students bring their own or a class teddy and photograph Teddy's adventure at Sovereign Hill. There is a complete Sample Unit available with educational ideas before, during and after your visit.</p> <p><u>Sovereign Hill Snapshots</u> (Grades 3 – 6)</p> <p>Students use digital cameras to collect images on a topic of their choice exploring goldfields life. Before visiting they can use the interactive map to make decisions about where they might find some evidence about their theme. Back at school students develop an IT presentation.</p> <p><u>Picture This!</u> (Years 7 – 9)</p> <p>Small groups of students are given a contention to explore while at Sovereign Hill. Their task is to find as much evidence as they can to support or refute that contention within one hour at Sovereign Hill. They use their own digital cameras to record their evidence. Before visiting they can use the interactive map to make decisions about where they might find evidence about their contention.</p> <p><u>Rush Around the Hill</u> (Year 9)</p> <p>Students are encouraged to undertake challenges and collect photographic evidence within a strict time limit at Sovereign Hill. They will not be able to complete all the challenges - there isn't enough time - so, as a team they must decide which tasks to attempt. There are strict rules and they lose points for transgressions.</p> |
| <p>Costumed Schools</p> | <p>At Sovereign Hill students can experience the life of 1850s school children. Sovereign Hill Schools are situated inside Sovereign Hill's award-winning Outdoor Museum in Ballarat, Victoria. The programme teaches students about the differences between their own education and 19th century schooling.</p> <p>Over two memorable days students experience lessons using slate pencils, dip pens</p> |

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| | <p>and ink. At recess, they enjoy 19th century games with marbles, whipping tops and knucklebones. Through costumed role-play and observing 1850s etiquette, students re-create the lives of gold rush children. Visits to some of the trades and businesses within the Township further enrich their experience and understanding of goldfields life.</p> <p>The Ragged School caters for the underprivileged goldfields children. Students in the Ragged School become urchins of the 1850s – so destitute that they cannot attend conventional schools. Students learn reading, writing and arithmetic each morning, but each afternoon they must obtain the skills needed to support themselves by practicing a trade such as wheelwrighting, candle making, sewing or decorating ceramic tiles.</p> |
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