

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: F - 2

Key Learning areas: History

Covering the themes of education, family and leisure, this program includes a one-hour hands-on activity in the children’s bedroom to help students explore the life of a Victorian era child. Students will write on slate boards, try on Victorian clothes, learn about the structure of a Victorian household and play with Victorian toys.

Windows to the Past

Levels: F - 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. Artifacts 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 and contrast their lives based upon their social position and status in society.

Group size

Each tour can accommodate up to 20 students at a time.

Availability

Tours run for 1 hour and are available from Monday to Friday during the school term.

Booking your visit

To find out more about the programs available at Werribee Park, including cost and availability, please contact the Werribee Park Bookings Office on 8734 5135 or email werribeebookings@parks.vic.gov.au.