

# NSW SCHOOLHOUSE MUSEUM



## SCHOOLS PROGRAM 2009

Step back in time and re-live life at school in fully restored schoolrooms dating back to 1877.

- **Experience** 1880s school lessons sitting at long-toms by the crackle of firelight
- **Examine** artefacts and discuss the stories they hold
- **Explore** exhibits of old objects and consider changes over time
- **Look** at early crafts and work samples treasured through generations
- **Write** with slate pencils on slates and Copperplate with pen and ink
- **Study** early photographs of school children and discover life in the past
- **Use** early technologies such as rubber stamps and jelly pads
- **Dress** in pinafores and sailors' collars
- **Dance** around a maypole and practise drill using wands and dumb bells
- **Play** with early toys like knuckles, marbles and spinning tops
- **Enjoy** 'making do' in early playground games such as 'fly' and bowling hoops
- **Compare** life of the past to that of today.



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## LEARNING EXPERIENCES

The NSW Schoolhouse Museum is one of the oldest surviving public school buildings in NSW. It is located in the grounds of North Ryde Public School and shows a living example of life in the past.

It provides a first hand experience which supports HSIE syllabus heritage content and these COGs and BoS units:

**Stage 1**—*Our Stories; Our Families; The Way We Were; Families: Past and Present*

**Stage 2**—*Effects of Growth and Change, Then, Now and Tomorrow; Australia: You're Standing in It*

**Stage 3**—The schoolrooms provide an authentic setting for Federation studies in *Traditions and Heritage* and *Interconnecting Growth and Change*.

It is an ideal venue to visit as part of your **school's anniversary celebrations**.

## BOOKING INFORMATION

**No. of classes:** 2 or 3 classes  
(if 3 classes, there is one teacher-led session)

**Duration:** 2 1/2—3 hours

**Cost per student:** \$7.00\* (no GST)

**Bookings available:** Monday and Wednesday

**Information Pack:** A risk assessment, background notes, photos and visit plan will be sent before you visit.

We ask that two parent helpers accompany each class in Terms 2 and 3 to help with the toasting activity.



## BOOKING FORM

Phone or fax the NSW Schoolhouse Museum on phone/fax **9805 1186**.

School \_\_\_\_\_ Contact person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Fax No. \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred visit dates: 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Grade/s \_\_\_\_\_ No. of classes \_\_\_\_\_ No. of students \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival time \_\_\_\_\_ Departure time \_\_\_\_\_

Purpose of visit / unit of work \_\_\_\_\_

*Our office is staffed two days a week so it may take a few days to get back to you. Schools usually book about a term ahead. We take bookings in order of receipt. The Education Officer is a qualified teacher employed by DET.*

*\* A minimum charge may apply to small group bookings.*



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