



# Morpeth Museum

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL PROGRAMS 2022**

Morpeth Museum offers two primary school programs which have curriculum outcomes in the New South Wales Syllabus, The Past in the Present.

Take a fun excursion to Morpeth Museum where children can take part in the rewarding 'Treasures, Trial and Time' program.

## **AT THE MUSEUM: TREASURES, TRIAL AND TIME**

### **TREASURES**



After an introduction to the museum outside, the children are put into pairs and given a souvenir bookmark which has a cryptic picture of an artefact (treasure) which is on show in the museum. The children are asked to find the artefact and think about how it compares with the today's modern equivalent.

At the end of the 'Treasures' section, the children are assembled for a short show and tell session. Each child gets to keep their bookmark as a souvenir of their visit and for more discussion back at school.

## TRIAL

Expect the unexpected when a very familiar character is put 'in the dock'. All the children get to participate in being 'the witnesses' or 'the judges' in the mock trial. The sentence at the end is always appropriate for the mystery defendant.



## TIME

Children can see what it's like to do some 'Time' in the original Courthouse holding cell. Close the rusty locks and creaking hinges and see just how many children can fit into the cell. The teacher even gets the opportunity to throw away the key.





## Examples of the bookmarks

The below images are three of the 12 bookmarks available which include an old stamp machine, post office display and Hunter River.



## INFORMATION FOR TEACHERS

- Where:** Morpeth Museum, 123 Swan Street, Morpeth in the 1862 former Courthouse or at your school.
- When:** Any time by appointment.
- Time:** The program at the museum takes approximately 40 minutes. The visit to Morpeth can be extended with a local walk to examine the heritage buildings, river and bridge.
- Amenities:** There is a small park next to the museum with toilets etc. which is ideal for recess.
- How many:** Groups of up to 60, two split sessions 30 + 30 (eg incorporating walk and/or recess).
- Cost:** \$2 per child at the museum.

## FOR BOOKINGS

Phone Morpeth Museum on 02 4934 4301 during general opening hours (Thursday – Sunday, 11.00am – 2.00pm) or email [morpethmuseum@bigpond.com](mailto:morpethmuseum@bigpond.com).



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