HYDE PARK
BARRACKS MUSEUM
EXCURSION INFORMATION
Thank you for booking your excursion to Hyde Park Barracks Museum – we hope that your students enjoy their visit. Please see below for general visiting information.

**Location and Travel**
Hyde Park Barracks is located in the Sydney CBD at the southern (Hyde Park) end of Macquarie Street, next to The Mint (see map page 5). The address is Queens Square, Macquarie Street, Sydney.

**Contact details:** ph. 02 8239 2311 | fax 02 8239 2322

**Parking**
There is no bus parking at Hyde Park Barracks Museum; however buses may stop to allow students to disembark on Prince Albert Road. There are bus parking zones on Macquarie Street which require drivers to remain with their vehicles.

**Public transport**
The museum is a 5-minute walk from St James station (City Circle line) or a 10-minute walk from Martin Place station (Eastern Suburbs line). The nearest bus stops are on Elizabeth Street at Hyde Park, which is a 5-minute walk away.

The 200 bus, which runs between Chatswood and Bondi Junction train stations on Mondays to Fridays only, stops on Macquarie Street.

To find the quickest public transport routes and for up-to-date timetables and scheduled track work, please contact the NSW Transport Infoline on 131 500, or visit the website at [http://www.131500.com.au/](http://www.131500.com.au/).

**Important Information**
It would be appreciated if you would arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your scheduled starting time to allow time for cloaking, toilet visits and/or a refreshment break for the students. Late arrival will result in the program being shortened to compensate.

If you are running late please contact us on 02 8239 2311.

Visits for schools are by pre-booked, guided tours only. If it is necessary to split large groups, self-guided visits of the property are not available while one group is participating in a booked program. In these circumstances, it is the responsibility of teachers to organise alternative activities for their groups at a different location.

Please note that all of the programs at Hyde Park Barracks involve being outside for a length of time. Students should dress for the prevailing conditions with sun or wet weather protection and appropriate footwear.

**Toilets**
There are no public toilets inside Hyde Park Barracks Museum. Public toilets are located in the building behind the Barracks at the back of the courtyard. Since both locations are some distance from the areas where the programs are delivered, we recommend a toilet visit before the program begins.
Food and drink
If students, teachers and parents bring their own lunch it is possible to picnic in the courtyard in good weather or alternatively in nearby Hyde Park or the Domain. There is a water bubbler on site. To ensure the conservation of the building, we do not permit food or drink in the Barracks museum.

Access and Special Needs
Teachers of children with ASD in integrated classrooms can prepare their group for a visit with an ‘Excursion Introduction’ to Hyde Park Barracks Museums. Follow the links below and scroll down the page to Integrated Classroom Excursion Introduction and click on:


For other programs offered at the Barracks we recommend that you show your students the second link to the Convict Life at the Barracks program.

Evaluation
Your feedback is valuable to us. You will be given an evaluation form on arrival and we would be grateful if you would complete it and return it to the curriculum program deliverer at the end of your visit.

Specific program details:
‘Perish or Prosper’ at the Hyde Park Barracks (Stage 5 – History)
This program contextualises the Industrial Revolution as a cause for the movement of convicts and free settlers to Australia between 1820 and 1850.


Archaeology Underfoot (Stage 4 – History)
As they experience historical archaeology first hand, students learn to differentiate between the roles of historian and archaeologist.

sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/education/programs/archaeology-underfoot

Investigating History (Stage 4 & 5 – History)
This program has been designed to stimulate students’ interest in history and develop their abilities to undertake the processes of historical inquiry through skills-based learning.

sydneylivingmuseums.com.au/education/programs/investigating-history-stage-4

Convict Life at the Barracks (Stage 2 HSIE & 3 History)
Using a range of sources, students learn about the everyday lives of the male convicts who lived at the Barracks.


Programs continue over the page …
Investigating Convict History (Stage 2 HSIE & 3 History)
Students use historical evidence to investigate and explore the daily life of convicts at the Hyde Park Barracks. This program is designed to accommodate large groups of school students.


Rats: Convict Tales (Stage 2 – HSIE)
In this program students learn first-hand about the lives of convict prisoners who lived at the Hyde Park Barracks between 1819 and 1848.

Address
Hyde Park Barracks Museum
Queens Square, Macquarie Street, Sydney NSW 2000
phone: (02) 8239 2311