

School Groups

Enterprize Schools Program

The Enterprize Ship Trust provides a range of programs for primary and secondary school groups. The Enterprize is a superbly crafted timber replica of the ship that brought the first European settlers to Melbourne in 1835. It offers students the experience of sailing on an 1800s sailing vessel in 21st Century comfort and safety.

The activity programs can be aligned with VELS guidelines to suit your needs. We have standard programs which have been regularly used with other school groups, or we can consult with you to produce a program that is tailored to your specific requirements in a range of subjects including history and science and which can be adapted for all levels from Primary through to Year 12.

There should also be an excellent education package in your school library under reference number 994.51 INV, called Investigating Melbourne provided by the Melbourne Foundation Day Committee in 2002 which includes a major section on the Enterprize and its part in the founding of Melbourne.

Some of the programs that have been regularly used by schools include:

Ship Tours

This is a non sailing program where students come on board the ship whilst it is berthed at the jetty. Crew are available to explain the various parts of the ship and to demonstrate how the sails are raised and the lines coiled and made up and to answer questions about the history of the ship. A short history presentation may be possible depending on the total numbers.

Numbers: Maximum of 150 children over one hour

Cost: \$3 per student with a minimum of \$225.

Alternate Sail/History Lesson

This is one of our most popular programs where schools can bring up to 80 students with the groups split into two. Whilst one group goes on the ship for a one hour sail, the other group comes to our training room for a discussion on the history of the founding of Melbourne. The groups then alternate. During the sailing the students are encouraged to help the crew hoist and set the sails and to steer the ship.

Numbers: Generally 80 students noting that the maximum group on the ship, including teachers, is 45.

Note: Some schools have brought 120 students with the third group exploring the Williamstown heritage area and the three groups rotating the activities over a 3 hour period.

Cost: \$900 for a two hour program.

Teachers Information Day

Enterprize is hosting a teachers' information day on Thursday the 18th of March 2010 in Docklands. Includes a complimentary one-hour sail and all teachers are invited. Learn about the ship and its school programs. Telephone or email for more information or bookings.

Other Programs

Can be arranged to suit your specific needs. These can include:

Team building

For smaller groups, up to 15 students, where the focus is primarily on working together and actively helping to sail the ship. These trips would normally be of 3 to 4 hour duration.

Duke of Edinburgh skills development

These trips have been tailored to fit the schools' needs with the most popular being a 3 day/2 night sail around the bay for a maximum of 10 (students & teachers). By the third day the students have been trained to handle most aspects of sailing the ship including the basics of navigation and are equipped to sail the ship, under crew supervision, between ports.

Booking

When the program and sailing times have been agreed and your school's official order received, we will send a booking form together with sailing conditions and invoice for deposit.

The booking will be confirmed once we have received your deposit and signed form acknowledging the booking details and sailing conditions.

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