



Fort Queenscliff Heritage Association Inc..

Dear Teacher,

The Fort Queenscliff Heritage Association is conducting guided tours of historic Fort Queenscliff. The origins of the Fort date back to the gold rush era of the 1850s. Over the following decades, the Fort played a major role in defending Melbourne from attack as it was the main Fort guarding the R.I.P. entrance to Port Phillip Bay. During the 19th century, it made a huge contribution to colonial society and Marvellous Melbourne. The first shot of World War 1 was fired at Nepean after receiving orders from Fort Queenscliff. In World War 2, the fortress complex continued to guard Melbourne from attack by foreign warships.

The Fort contains a wealth of historical interest for all ages and is well worth a visit. In some ways, entering the Fort is like stepping into an old castle, with its moat, walls and Keep. The tour takes students around the historic sites including the guardhouse and cells, the Keep, a light house, old cannons, underground magazines and of course the Fort Museum.

To assist school groups to get the most out of a visit, we have developed a special schools Education Package. Designed by practising school teachers, it is linked to the Victorian Curriculum and caters for both primary and secondary students. The Package contains a host of material that complements the guided tours. There are pre tour activities, information on the tour itself, worksheets, background information and research guides to assist students tracing their family history.

To access the Education Package, ***please click here***. Feel free to download any relevant pages from the Education Package.

For further information, please contact the office on 5258 1488 or the Fort Queenscliff Museum on museum@fortqueenscliff.com.au

Yours sincerely,

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