

La Trobe University's Young Archaeologists' Program

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Abstract

Driven by a team of passionate archaeologists and teachers, the Young Archaeologists' Program is an exciting new initiative offering educational excursions and incursions during school terms, as well as fun holiday activities. All our school activities are linked directly to the Australian Curriculum: History, and our inquiry-learning approach allows students to experience history through practical archaeology activities.

Our current program includes Australian historical archaeology activities, and an "Introduction to Archaeology" workshop introduces senior students to basic archaeological practices and terminology. We are working in conjunction with the Faculty of Education and the La Trobe Award to provide undergraduate students with opportunities to gain practical experience that utilises their skills. Next year, we intend to introduce WWI and Ancient Australia units, and will expand the program to include a series of archaeology activities with links to the Australian Curriculum: Science.

What we do

- Archaeology activities for primary and secondary students
- Links to the Australian Curriculum
 - History
 - English
 - Science
 - Mathematics
- Inquiry-based learning



Buried Treasure (Prep to Year 2)

- 5 activity stations
- Rotation every 10-15 mins
- Introduction to archaeology tools and techniques
- Hands-on learning



CSI: Archaeology (Year 3 to Year 10)

Years 3 to 7
"Children in Melbourne"
The Coach and Horses Hotel, Ringwood

Years 7 to 10
"Chinese Immigrants in Victoria"
Chinaman's Point fish-curing establishment

