EDUCATION
AT THE
MUSEUM

PRIMARY
SCHOOL
2016

AUSTRALIAN MUSEUM
General admission is now FREE for under-16s and high school students thanks to a NSW Government initiative.

Australia’s first museum is home to the largest collection of natural and cultural specimens in the southern hemisphere. It is a perfect place for students to engage with learning programs that use the latest technology and the Museum’s own collections.
Aboriginal Fibres and Weaving Workshop
History, Visual Arts and Aboriginal Studies
Years K-6
Students explore different weaving methods and styles. They learn about Aboriginal culture and the age old tradition of weaving in this hands-on workshop.

Aboriginal Studies Hands-on Session
History
Years K-6
Real artefacts, men’s gear, women’s gear, music, dance, technology and art are used to learn about the lives of Australia’s Indigenous peoples, both past and present.

Australia’s First Scientists
History, Science and Creative Arts
Years K-6
Students explore cultural objects and hands-on activities to discover the way Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders used science to survive and prosper for thousands of years.

First Australians Gallery Tour
History, Science and Visual Arts
Years 3-6
A guided tour exploring spirituality, cultural heritage, family, land and social justice from the perspective of Indigenous Australians.

Animals Hands-on Session
Science
Years K-6
Choose from themes of habitats, adaptations, fossils, dinosaurs, minibeasts, Australian animals. Museum secrets revealed and rocks and minerals in a hands-on experience with real specimens.

Artlink
Creative Arts
Years K-6
Using inspirations from the Museum’s collection, explore how artists develop ideas from nature. Workshop choices are sculpture, textile art or illustration.

Indigenous Art Workshop
Creative Arts and History
Years K-6
Understand stories told through Australian Indigenous paintings and create a unique piece of Australian art incorporating traditional designs.

Bookings:
02 9320 6222
A charge applies for educator-led sessions. See more at: australianmuseum.net.au/booking-an-education-group

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“Loved the hands-on lesson and doing all the activities.”
Year 5 Student
Educational resources are available for students exploring the Museum’s exhibitions. Activities focus on Australian natural science and Indigenous culture.

All programs and resources available at: australianmuseum.net.au/exhibition-resources-by-topic

The Australian Museum Science Festival immerses students in all aspects of STEM through workshops, shows and a science themed expo. The Festival collaborates with over 30 organisations to create a learning experience at the forefront of contemporary science and innovation.

Register your school’s interest by emailing scicom@austmus.gov.au or calling (02) 9320 6222

Primary School dates: 16-19 August 2016

Thank you to our major partner 3M Australia, our festival partners ANSTO, UNSW, Macquarie and Western Sydney University and all education and outreach partners that make this possible.
SPECIAL EXHIBITIONS

Trailblazers: Australia’s 50 greatest explorers
28 November 2015 – 18 July 2016
Share the spirit of adventure as the Australian Museum presents an exhibition highlighting 50 of Australia’s greatest explorers.
Students discover the challenges faced by Aboriginal peoples and European explorers and scientists as they discover a continent in the pursuit of knowledge and a place to call home.
For more information and to access the Primary and Secondary Education kits visit australianmuseum.net.au/school-groups-trailblazers-exhibition

NEW EXHIBITIONS

First Australians Galleries
Immerse yourself in our First Australians Galleries, showcasing our inspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island collections. Witness the history, spirituality and diversity of the world’s oldest living cultures in the First Australians Galleries. Located on the ground floor, the Galleries house two contemporary exhibitions, Garrigarrang: Sea Country and Bayala Nura: Yarning Country.

Wild Planet
Over 400 animals under one roof!
Earth is home, but it’s not just ours. Parading for you in Wild Planet are around 400 of the amazing animal species we share our planet with. All species, both living and extinct, are connected. We are all on the Tree of Life. Wild Planet is dedicated to the exploration of that tree, from joining the dots on our collective ancestral histories, to the importance of biodiversity, to the fates of extinct creatures.
General admission to First Australians Galleries and Wild Planet exhibition is free for school students.

Spiders
Opens 1 November 2016
Creep through the secret world of spiders and find out how these web-weavers, hunters and burrowers outlived the dinosaurs to become one of the most successful creatures on earth.
Museum in a Box®

Museum in a Box® provides quality educational resources for students of all ages. Each box contains a treasure trove of real Museum specimens and artefacts, helpful hints and activities, ideas and information. With 30 topics to choose from, there’s plenty of variety to discover.

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Bugwise

Want to know more about the invertebrates in the school grounds? Bugwise is a free, downloadable program that helps to identify insects and spiders in their local environment.

See more at
australianmuseum.net.au/bugwise

Museum OUTREACH

Video conferencing

Video conferencing provides a great opportunity to have your school connect with the Australian Museum’s vast collections, educators and experts, offering interactive learning anywhere and everywhere.

There is a variety of programs on offer throughout the year, on topics including minibeasts, Indigenous Australians, geology, dinosaurs and megafauna. There’s something for every school!

See more at
australianmuseum.net.au/video-conferencing

Australian Museum Science Festival Regional Tour

Local school groups can book in to take part in interactive workshops and presentations. Schedule to be announced.

For more information visit
amsciencefestival.net

The Australian Museum has a diversity of programs for schools that can’t visit the Museum.
KIDS FREE AT THE MUSEUM

Australian Museum
1 William Street (cnr College St), Sydney
Daily 9.30am – 5pm

Bookings: 02 9320 6222
australianmuseum.net.au/education-services

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