



Lake Burrendong gold rush

A goldfield adventure for Years 5 and 6

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An exciting adventure awaits school groups who choose a Lake Burrendong gold rush program to explore the HSIE Gold Unit.

This program covers indicators from two syllabus outcome areas:

- CCS3.1**
- describes ways of life associated with gold rush era and colonial expansion from different perspectives
 - describes some aspects of colonial exploration and expansion and its impact on all Australians, including indigenous populations
 - examines countries that have influenced Australia's heritage.
- ENS3.6**
- evaluates alternative views about the use of natural and built environments
 - examines how different factors can influence people's interactions with environments.

Located between Orange and Dubbo, Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre is the perfect base to encounter the rich landscape of Australia's gold rush.

This five-day program for Year 5 and 6 students features a visit to History Hill at Hill End to experience a once-booming gold town. The museum tour and a trip into the purpose-built underground mine showcases the lives and stories of gold rush miners.



Three days of facilitated sessions at the Centre incorporate themes from the Gold Unit, followed by a visit to the Wellington Caves complex. This rounds off the experience by showing how things have changed since gold rush days.

Suggested schedule

Monday

Arrive at History Hill at 10am and explore the history of gold mining at Hill End with a guided tour through the museum and underground mine. Students also get a chance to find their own gold with some gold panning. A traditional sausage sizzle lunch is provided for students at History Hill before departing Hill End by 2.30pm. Arrive at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre in the late afternoon, have dinner and enjoy some of the fun games the Centre has to offer.

Tuesday – Thursday

Facilitated sessions during the three days at the Centre complement the educational outcomes of the Gold unit.

- Local history
- Cookout with damper and billy tea
- Bush dancing
- Rock climbing
- Orienteering and initiatives
- Traditional Indigenous Games and boomerang throwing
- Gold rush Olympics
- Gold trivia night
- Bushwalking and exploring fauna and flora

Friday

Depart the Centre by 10am for your return trip via the Wellington Caves complex. The underground tour of the old phosphate mine displays the conditions under which miners worked in bygone days. Ancient fossils litter the caves – fascinating, historical and a little eerie. A packed lunch is supplied by the Centre. You could also visit the Japanese Gardens or walk the new Fossil Trail. For an additional cost you may tour the Cathedral or Gaden Caves or participate in a night tour of the caves.