

THE SHRINE OF REMEMBRANCE

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Huntingdale Primary School went on an excursion to the Shrine of Remembrance on May 25th of 2023. We were taken on a tour by one of the tour guides. It was a really fun experience to learn about the history of the wars. The guide would

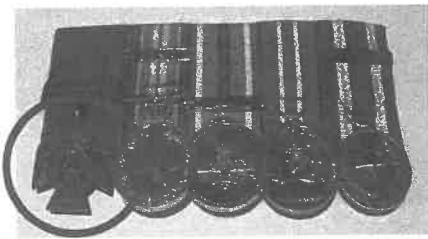


talk in a very fascinating way that made us use our brains. We, us huntingdale students, had a wonderful time at the Shrine of Remembrance.

One of the many things that we learnt and got to try on the tour, was the dress up and try out place. We had got to try on the costumes that the people used to wear in the olden days at war. We also got to find out about the fascinating candles and tools they used, we also got to touch them. Some students dressed up as a general, nurse, or even the soldiers.

One student looked like a cowboy! We really enjoyed the outfits.

Another one of them was the victorian cross. It was a really good experience to see the real life model of the Victorian Cross (also known as the VC) in the Shrine. One of us students asked a question " *Who was the youngest person to receive a VC*" but since the shrine didn't know who, they asked the student to research it and found out it was 15 years and three months old, Andrew Fitgibbon. He worked as a hospital apprentice, and received the VC on 21st of August 1860 at the Storming of the North



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The third one was seeing the names of all the people who served in the 1st and 2nd world war. Many people were fascinated that all the names were in an alphabetical order even if you were a general or someone lower ranked than that. All the flags we got to see were also very extraordinary. The main room below the one on top, we got to see the son and father standing next to each other. They were both wearing different costumes, so we had the luck to guess which one was which.

Overall, many people were very mind blown after the tour. Me and James also had the same opinion as many other people. We got to learn how hard it was while the people in the



world wars fought and how much they suffered. Here is a picture of the shrine when it first opened up in November 1934 on the day of remembrance day. The facts that we were told were very interesting, not like when you have to listen to boring history in history class. Many people would like to go back to the Shrine of Remembrance again with their families and friends later in the future. We would like to thank all the amazing work done by the people who work at the Shrine of Remembrance.