

# Sovereign Hill Camp

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, I woke up with glee feeling roused for school camp. I got ready, grabbed my suitcase and in no time at all arrived at school. For camp our teachers decided to go to sovereign hill camp. So just like me, 67 other children woke up, ready to go to school camp, ready to learn about Australian history.

When I arrived at school I handed my medication to miss Woolard and my wallet to Mr Scicluna. I said goodbye to my mum, we exchanged hugs and she left. I put my suitcase in the gym and sat down. We were in class lines but miss Humphreys put us in busses based on our year level. Year 6s in 1 and 5s in the other. On the bus I mostly chatted with Anika who was the person next to me, and looked out the window. For snack we stopped at a place called Melton Park. I ate my snack and played on the playground. Soon later miss Woolard said it was time to leave, so I went to the toilet and hopped onto the bus. After another 40-50 minutes we stopped for lunch at the eureka centre. After eating lunch (I had sushi) we went inside and had a tour whilst playing characters from the eureka stockade. I was playing Henry Charles Ross who was known to have (possibly) sketched the eureka flag.

When we got back in the bus, there was 5-10 minutes left till we arrived. I jumped out the bus happily as we pulled into sovereign hill. The students put their bags and suitcases into the boys' cabin. After we put the bags away we split into groups, I was in Mr Scicluna's group. Our group went to a 40 minute mine tour. A bit later we went gold panning but left soon to go shopping. I got raspberry drops. Only 15 minutes later we went to dinner. We got curry and bread, afterwards we got pudding for dessert. Soon after we unpacked our bags and lined up outside. We then headed to the aura light in the light show we first watched a 3d movie about the creation of gold. Next, we watched an aboriginal dreamtime story about animals creating the land. Thirdly we watched a projected performance with LOTS of fire. Straight after that we went to a building where we had supper, which was a biscuit. After munching on that, we were told some information and were sent straight to bed.

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of April. I woke up with little sleep and got dressed, I quickly then went to breakfast and had toast. Unfortunately, it was cold outside so everyone went to their cabins and most got jumpers. Peacefully everyone went to their costumed schools and grabbed their morning tea which was a cheesy night scroll.

During the costume school, I got changed into a dress, an apron, pantalettes and capes. We then walked up to the actual school, I was in St. Peter's. Some of the activities we did were;

(Girls)knitting

*(Boys) cards*

*(Boys) making rope*

*(Everyone) writing*

*(Everyone) reading*

*(Everyone) arithmetic.*

*After some of these we had morning air and morning tea. I played with the skipping rope. After we did some school work and learned some welsh for the inspector who was coming the following day. After more and MORE work (were all girls had to glide with books on their heads), we had lunch, I got a veggie pie, it was AMAZING.*

*We then went back to school (after playing on the playground for a bit), we had a special guest who showed us around the place and showed us the tents. Everyone then slowly went back to their classrooms where it was the end of school. We then got back into our 2023 clothes.*

*After that we headed to dinner at the Napier hotel. We had pasta bolognaise and slice for dessert. We soon went to our cabins and then, the Victorian theatre. At the theatre we watched a show called the pantomime. It included several characters who were all great, though some were evil. I was tired by that time so I was glad to go to bed. We got supper in our cabins but I wasn't hungry. As soon as my head hit the pillow (though I didn't realise it) I was fast asleep.*

*Friday 28th April, I woke up at 6am and ate a quick breakfast. I put my suitcase in the boy's cabin again and went to school. I got into my costume and we began the schooling experience. An inspector came in and we tried to impress him, it didn't work but our mam still got a pay rise. We then had morning air and more work. I finished my knitting. Soon enough I had lunch, which was a veggie scross.*

*The rest of school was full of awards and chatting. We then got out of costume and said our goodbyes. Our last minutes at sovereign hill were spent buying scissies and walking around. We put our bags in the bus and hopped on. We arrived at school at 6:30-7:00. I grabbed my bag and soon enough, I was home. Personally, I loved sovereign hill and all that I learnt.*