



**St. Simon the Apostle
Primary School**
Rowville, Victoria, Australia

[Year 6 Ballarat Tour Camp Experience](#)

DAY 1: Tuesday 14th September

Travel to Canberra

All passengers arrive at St Simon the Apostle Primary School at 7.45am and meet your drivers. Load the coach, say farewell and get ready to start your adventure! Depart at 8.15am.

Travel through Melbourne before joining the Western Highway to Ballarat. This historic city is Victoria's third largest city, and has enjoyed a rich and prosperous heritage thanks to the Gold Rush which began in 1851.

City Sights Tour

Enjoy a city sights tour including a visit to Lake Wendouree and a drive down the Avenue of Honour. Also students will visit the Eureka memorial, which was dedicated to the miners and soldiers involved at the Eureka Stockade.

Eureka Centre

Students visit the Eureka Centre located on the historic site of the Eureka Rebellion in Ballarat. It is dedicated to telling the story of Eureka and its enduring link to the identity of Ballarat.

Later today, check into the Bell Tower Inn, and enjoy a 6.00pm dinner.

DAY 2: Wednesday 15th September

After an 8.00am breakfast, students travel to Sovereign Hill.

Sovereign Hill

Victoria's 1850s gold rush heritage is alive, exciting and very hands-on at Sovereign Hill with creative, stimulating and interactive experiences for students. Students will be involved in education programs during the day with self guided tours around Sovereign Hill. These programs include:

- Role playing the life of diggers, gold buyers and troopers and understanding the frustrations that led to Eureka.
- Exploring the impacts of 19th century European colonisation on Victorian Aboriginal people.
- Examining and understanding the impact of Chinese on the Goldfields

Head back to Bell Tower Inn for a 5.30pm dinner, before returning to Sovereign Hill.

Sovereign Hill – 90 minute Aura Sound and Light Show

Students will be part of a presentation reliving the gold rush period and Eureka Rebellion.

DAY 3: Thursday 16th September

After an 8.00am breakfast, students visit some of the sights of Ballarat.

Sovereign Hill Gold Museum –

Enjoy the “That’s My Gold!” program - through an interactive story of gold fever and piracy, students will explore different types of historical sources and learn how we use historical sources to understand the past.

Ballarat Art Gallery

Students follow in the footsteps of the early goldfield artists. Students learn how to make a sketchbook then go on a sketching tour of the AGB collection

Ballarat Botanic Gardens – lunch stop

Located on the western shore of Lake Wendouree, the Gardens are a popular and invaluable heritage and recreational location for residents and visitors. A great place for a lunch stop and a self-guided walk.

Ballarat Tramway Museum

Students enjoy a historic tram line ride which explores their operation within the Ballarat area from 1887 to 1971. There will be a guided tour of the Museum as well.

Dinner tonight at Bell Tower at 6.00pm.

DAY 4: Thursday 28th February, 2019

After an 8.00am breakfast, students check out and pack the coaches. They return again to Sovereign Hill for more education programs.

Sovereign Hill – half day visit

Students will be involved in education programs for half of the day. The activities include:

- Exploring immigration during the Gold Rush
- Rre-create scenes of the key events of the Eureka Rebellion.

After lunch, head back to school, with arrival late-afternoon, filled with wonderful memories of historic times!