

2023 SOVEREIGN HILL RECOUNT

WEDNESDAY

On the 26th of April we got to school, we gave our wallets to Mr Scicluna and put our bags into class lines. After that we found out which bus we were on, and started our 3-hour long, strenuous journey up to Ballarat. It wasn't that bad because I was sitting next to Noah and across from us was Jake and Tae. Half way there we stopped at a playground in Melton for a little play and something to eat. We were there for around 15 minutes then we got back on the bus with an hour left to we're at Ballarat. We got to the Eureka centre at 12 o'clock, we played on the playground for 20 minutes then had lunch on the grass hill. We found out our activity groups and head off into the museum, we were told to get into partners, and I chose Noah VH. Our allocated character was Richard Island for the entire time throughout the tour of the museum. After the tour had finished, we hopped back on the bus for a short two-minute drive to Sovereign Hill. We got off the bus and unloaded all of the bags underneath the seats and dropped them into the hall way in the boy's lodge.

Then we got back into our activity groups and went on a shopping spree down Sovereign Hill. We went to the lolly shop and I bought: some of the famous raspberry and sour grape drops that tasted amazing. After that at 4:30 we went down the red hill mineshaft that was 37 feet deep, there were 51 steps down and 52 steps up. It was super cool but it was quite short which was quite annoying. Our only source of light down there was candle light. Then we went to the New York Bakery for dinner and had butter chicken for dinner and blueberry-chocolate pudding for dessert. After that we then walked back up to the lodge and then came the moment of truth the part of camp that everyone wanted to know about... OUR CABINS!!! Mrs Humphries rolled out the names in each cabin, and said. "In cabin no. 3: Jack ██████████, Noah H, Noah VH, Marshall, Max and Jake there was a sigh of relief and a cheer of excitement from everyone in our cabin, but also at the same time we all felt bad and annoyed that Isaac, Harley, Franklin, Alfie and Angus weren't in our cabin. It was the best cabin you could ever get, thanks miss Bowels for making the cabins so awesome.

Then we got into some tracksuit pants and jumper to keep warm while we went to the ora, sound and light show. There were three parts of the show: a 3D movie, a light show and a super cool show about history in Sovereign Hill which went for around half an hour. It finished at 9-o'clock and we went straight back to our cabins when finished, but no we didn't walk back to our cabins we took a ride in an electric bus with 5 carriages and yellow light along the side of the bus. Once we got back we got ready for bed and went to sleep. But really, we didn't go to sleep at all until 11-o'clock we just stayed up, spoke and ate our lollies that we brought from home.

THURSDAY

We got woken up by the teachers, at 7-o'clock, got dressed for the morning, when to the café for breakfast and had toast with jam. Then we got into our school groups and head of to school we got dressed into knickerbockers and shirts for school. School went for 6-hours, 9:00-3:00. We learnt Handwriting in copperplate, we learnt arithmetic, and life skills. We still had recess and fun activities to do. We then had lunch at 12:00 at the café we had sausage rolls and pies. Then school finished and it was now 3:00, we got back into our activity groups and went down into the labyrinth mine which was 100 feet deep, it was really cool because we had a tour guide who told us was everything was and what everything meant. We were down in the mine for 45 minutes then came up and went gold panning down at the river. I found 5 pieces of gold and put it in a little glass bottle that I got from the waterloo store by the river. We finished the gold panning when it started to get dark, so we headed back up the lodge got ready for dinner and walked down to the Nappier Hotel and had pasta for dinner that was stuck together, cold and the source was nice and warm which was not a good mix. But on the other hand, we had an awesome jelly cheesecake for dessert.

We walked back to the cabins had 10 minutes to get dressed for the pantomime at the Victorian theatre down the street we got there at 6:30 and the show started at 6:45. The show was a little childish but still fun. The show finished at 7:15 and went back to the cabins, got ready for bed went to sleep but this night was different very different we stayed up all night and woke up at the crack of dawn.

FRIDAY

We got dressed *for school and started the school day again we had school photos salad rolls and chips for lunch. After that we were taught how to gold pan and I found another 4 pieces school finish early and we had our last 10*

minutes left to shop. We packed up our cabins and put our bags on the bus and head off back down to upwey.

