

# The Rocks Site Study

A fieldwork program to support Stage 4/5 History

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***“The Rocks Site Study’ is a History Site Study program that focuses on the heritage precincts of The Rocks and Millers Point.***

The Site Study can be used for the topics: Stage 4 Depth Study 6d: Aboriginal and Indigenous Peoples, Colonisation and Contact, and Stage 5 Depth Study 1b The movement of peoples

The Site Study is an inquiry-based examination of two historically significant locations and is integrated with topic content as a way for students to acquire History knowledge, skills, values and attitudes from experiences in the field. The study enables students to understand their historical environment, actively participate in historical inquiry, interpret the past and recognise how human occupation and use of the sites has changed over time. The study will enhance understanding of the historical context in which changes have occurred and help to create and nurture a lifelong interest in history.

During the site study, students will:

- Use ipads to complete an historical enquiry and create a digital field journal about significant people and locations relevant to the topics covered
- Visit The Rocks Discovery Museum to view artefacts
- Visit Parbury Ruins and Dawes Point to learn about significant Aboriginal people, convicts, emancipists and free settlers



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The program has three main components:

1. Introductory activities and resources to introduce the students to the fieldwork.
2. A whole day fieldwork experience in The Rocks and Millers Point
3. Follow up activities to enhance historical knowledge and skills.



**Cost:** From \$10 per student

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