



Heritage Educational Program

Then and Now: Exploring Everyday Objects (Prep – Grade 2)

Introduction

Shepparton Heritage Centre's Heritage Education Programs bring local history to life through hands-on engagement with significant documents, artefacts and memorabilia from across Greater Shepparton region. Participants gain insight into the community's heritage and development, building a strong sense of identity and pride while drawing lessons that inform the future.

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Students will explore and compare items from the past and present across the categories of Education, Toys, Sports Equipment, Communication, and Audio Technology. Through interactive activity rotations, students gain an understanding of how everyday objects have evolved over time, reflecting changes in technology and society. This experience supports early historical inquiry by developing observation skills, recognising continuity and change, and building historical vocabulary.

Program:

Introduction: Welcome. (5 mins) Overview of activities, expectations, safety procedures and considerations for museum items. Split students into appropriate size groups. Students will rotate as a group between the following activities. Teachers, Support Staff and SHC Volunteer to accompany students.

Activity 1: History Photo Slideshow. (15-20 mins)

Present students with a short photo slideshow featuring significant historical landmarks and buildings in Shepparton, along with early school photographs and images of children's games and play from past generations.

Activity 2: Activity 2: Museum Exploration – Museum Then and Now Detectives. (15-20 mins)

Students work collaboratively in small groups to investigate historical objects displayed throughout the Museum. Each group is provided with a set of five activity cards featuring different objects to locate.

As students find each object, they discuss and answer the following questions together:

- What is the object used for?
- What is the object called?
- What do we use today instead of this object?

After locating an object and discussing their ideas as a group, students return to the teacher to share their responses before receiving the next activity card.



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Activity 3: Shepparton Beginnings Historical Walk. (15mins)

The students will enjoy a leisurely walk along the shared path of the Historical Precinct. Students will visit different significant monuments, Shepparton beginnings, changes that have occurred over the years and items of interest. All supported with visual photos.

Exploring Everyday Objects-Outcomes

This program will inspired students to explore and appreciate the history of Shepparton and the ways everyday life has changed over time. By connecting the past with the present, students develop curiosity, understanding, and respect for the people, places, and stories that shape our community today and into the future.

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