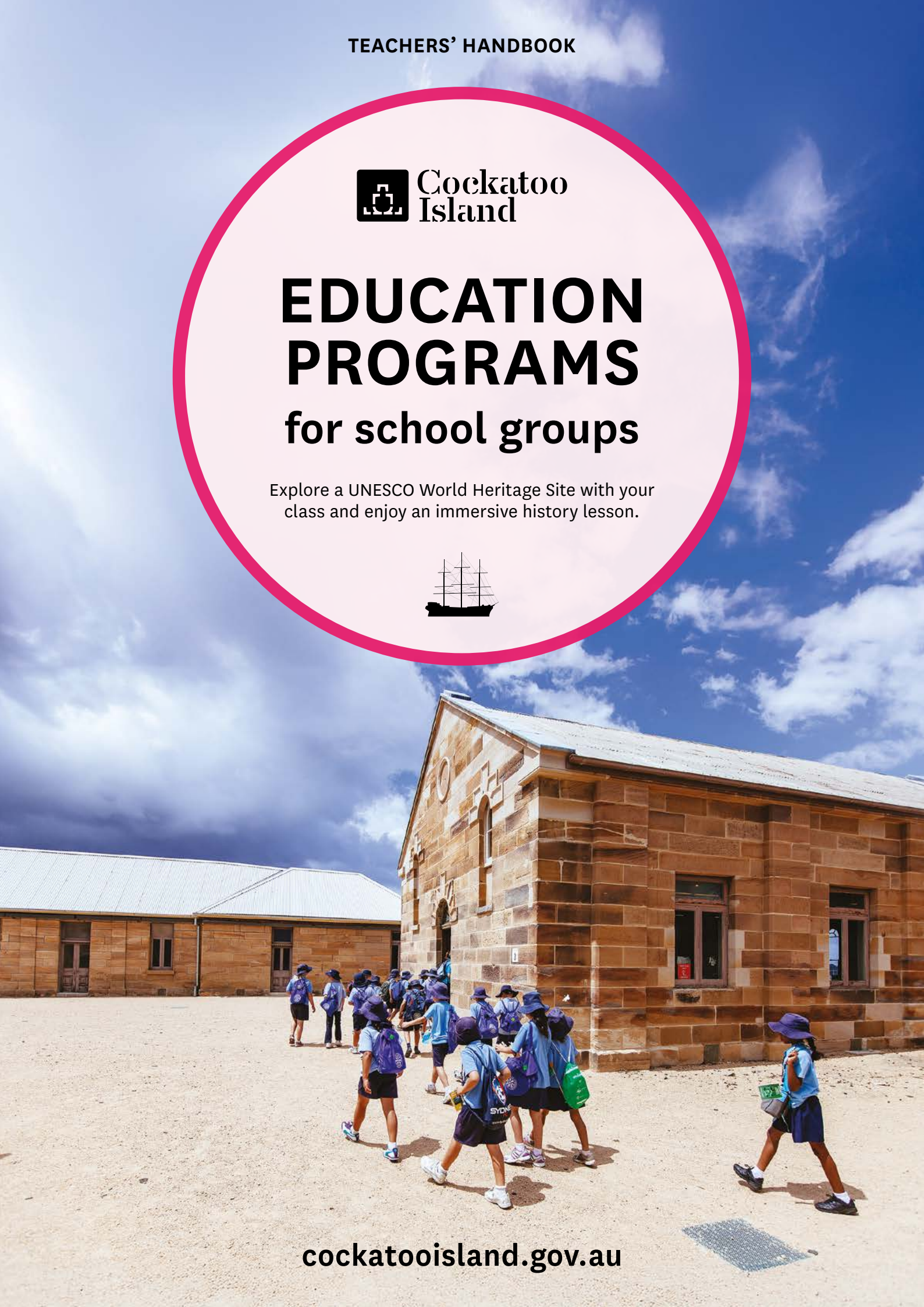
TEACHERS' HANDBOOK

Cockatoo Island

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

for school groups

Explore a UNESCO World Heritage Site with your class and enjoy an immersive history lesson.



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Quick overview

Planning your next school excursion? Escape to Cockatoo Island / Wareamah – a UNESCO World Heritage Site where students can meaningfully engage with Australia's past while also enjoying a fun day out on Sydney Harbour.

The island has been many things throughout time, including a bustling dockyard and a prison where convicts did hard labour. Our curriculum-based education programs immerse students in this history through opportunities to interact with the island's archaeological features and objects.

In addition to complementing classroom lessons, our programs are delivered by specialist education guides who use scaffolding, Socratic questioning and other strategies to help students develop their historical enquiry and critical thinking skills.

Comprehensive pre- and post-lesson resources are provided to primary school groups, while high school teachers are provided with a workbook to print and hand out to each student. Plus, we cater for local, regional and remote school groups of all sizes as well as homeschool groups.

Cockatoo Island / Wareamah is an extraordinary place protected by the Harbour Trust. It connects to the waterways and homelands of the Wallumedegal, Wangal, Cammeraygal and Gadigal peoples. In their common language, Dharug, Cockatoo Island is known as Wareamah. We acknowledge these Traditional Custodians and Owners and pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.







What we offer

Our education programs include 3 tours, an object-handling session and a hybrid experience that combines a tour with an object-handling session. These programs were developed to help teachers meet the requirements of the updated K–6 HSIE and NSW History 7–10 syllabuses in NSW.

Stages: Our programs are aimed at Stages 2, 3 and 5 but they can be adapted for Stages 1 and 6.

Availability: Monday to Friday by appointment (subject to education guide availability).

Duration: We offer 60-minute and 90-minute versions of our tours. Object-handling sessions run for 60 minutes. Hybrid experiences range from 2 to 2.5 hours.

Rates: From $10 to $24 per student, dependent on the programs selected. Teachers and supervisors (including SLSOs and Teacher's Aides) are FREE. There is a minimum booking of 10 students; however, we welcome smaller groups. The cost of getting the ferry to/from the island is NOT included in our rates. Groups are invoiced following their excursion based on the number of students who attended on the day.

Group sizes: Max 30 students permitted per group. For homeschool groups, please enquire about the maximum group size.

Homeschool groups: All our programs are available to homeschool groups. Bookings include free admission for 2 parents/carers plus children under school age. Additional parents/carers can be added to a homeschool group booking at a cost of $10 each.

OPTIONS AVAILABLE

OPTION	STAGE	CURRICULUM OUTCOME(S)	RATE
Tour: The Convicts of Cockatoo Island	2	HS2-HIS-01	$10 per student for 60-minute tour
Tour: The Colony and Cockatoo Island	2	HS2-HIS-01	$10 per student for 60-minute tour
Tour: Movement of Peoples: Cockatoo Island Site Study	5	HI5-SPE-01, HI5-IEP-01, HI5-SOU-01, HI5-INQ-01	$10 per student for 60-minute tour $14 per student for 90-minute tour
Object-handling session	2, 3 & 5	**Stage 2:** HS2-HIS-01 **Stage 3:** HS3-HIS-01 **Stage 5:** HI5-SOU-01, HI5-INQ-01	$10 per student
Hybrid experience (tour and object-handling session)	2 & 5	Outcomes vary depending on the tour selected plus the group's learning stage.	$20 per student for 60-minute tour with object-handling session $24 per student for 90-minute tour with object-handling session

Program breakdown



Tour: The Convicts of Cockatoo Island (Stage 2)

Students examine the establishment of a British penal colony in NSW, consider what it was like to be a convict serving time at Cockatoo Island and explore historic prison buildings. 60- and 90-minute versions available. School groups receive pre- and post-program resources.

CURRICULUM OUTCOME:

- Explains how people lived in the past, how navigation connected the world, and what life was like in the Sydney Cove penal settlement, using sources as evidence **(HS2-HIS-01)**



Tour: The Colony and Cockatoo Island (Stage 2)

Students examine the role of Cockatoo Island as a prison for secondary offenders (1839 to 1869) and consider the experience of Chinese migrants who were jailed here during Australia's gold rush era. 60- and 90-minute versions available. School groups receive pre- and post-program resources.

CURRICULUM OUTCOME:

- Explains how people lived in the past, how navigation connected the world, and what life was like in the Sydney Cove penal settlement, using sources as evidence **(HS2-HIS-01)**

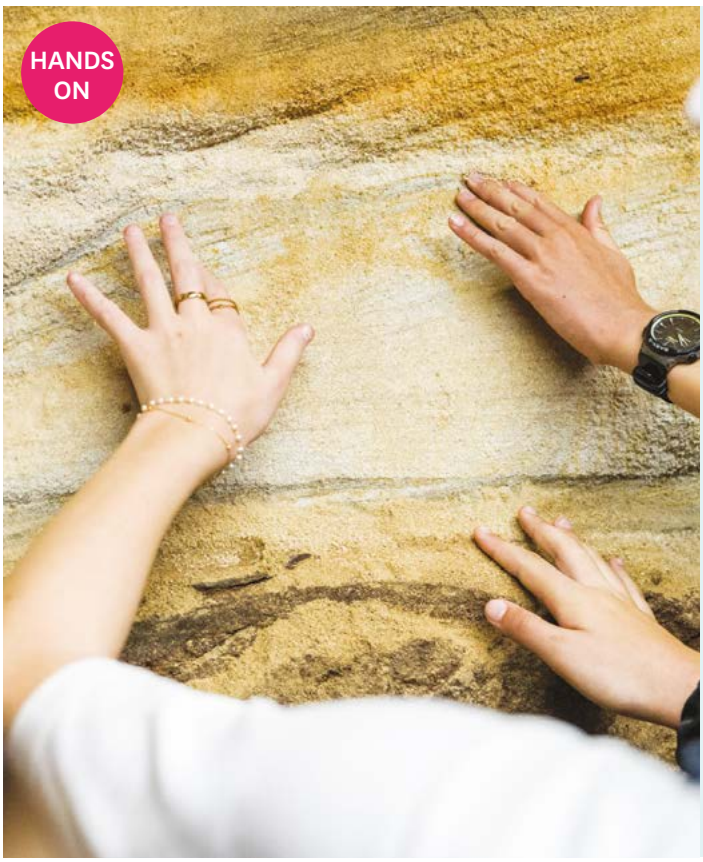


Tour: Movement of Peoples: Cockatoo Island Site Study (Stage 5)

Students examine Cockatoo Island's remnant convict buildings and, in doing so, consider what it was like to be a convict. They also reflect on the legacy of convict transportation to Australia, including its impact on First Nations peoples. 60- and 90-minute versions available. Teachers provided with a workbook to print and hand out to each student.

CURRICULUM OUTCOME:

- Analyses the key features and structures of past societies, historical periods and events **(HI5-SPE-01)**
- Explains how significant ideas and events have shaped the past **(HI5-IEP-01)**
- Integrates evidence from sources to develop historical accounts, explanations and arguments about the past **(HI5-SOU-01)**
- Assesses the value and limitations of sources as part of a historical inquiry **(HI5-INQ-01)**



Object-handling session (Stages 2, 3 and 5)

Students analyse primary sources – namely, artefacts from Cockatoo island's history – and apply their critical thinking skills. They also gain insights into the role played by archaeologists and curators in constructing history. This is a 60-minute experience.

CURRICULUM OUTCOME (STAGE 2):

- Explains how people lived in the past, how navigation connected the world, and what life was like in the Sydney Cove penal settlement, using sources as evidence **(HS2-HIS-01)**

CURRICULUM OUTCOME (STAGE 3):

- Examines and describes the development of Australian colonies and Australia as a nation, using sources as evidence **(HS3-HIS-01)**

CURRICULUM OUTCOME (STAGE 5):

- Integrates evidence from sources to develop historical accounts, explanations and arguments about the past **(HI5-SOU-01)**
- Assesses the value and limitations of sources as part of a historical inquiry **(HI5-INQ-01)**



Hybrid experience: Tour and object-handling session (Stages 2 and 5)

Stage 2 and 5 groups can pair one of our 60- or 90-minute tours with an object-handling session and enjoy an extended outing. Available as a 2 hour or 2.5 hours experience (i.e. a 60 minute object-handling session plus a 60 or 90 minute tour.)

CURRICULUM OUTCOMES:

- Outcomes vary depending on the tour selected plus the group's learning stage.

Request a program for your school group

Interested in an education program for your primary or high school group?

Submit an enquiry at cockatooisland.gov.au/education-programs







Other attractions

SCHOOL CAMPING TRIPS

Why stop at an education program? Check into Cockatoo Island's campground with your school group for a truly unforgettable adventure!

Our waterfront campground is available for hire by school, scout, Duke of Edinburgh and youth adventure groups during the week. Bordered by eye-catching historical landmarks, it is a great launch pad for exploration.

Plus, all campers have access to dedicated facilities. These include showers, toilets, a laundry and a communal kitchen with barbeques, boiling water, fridges, microwaves and seating for 50 people. Prices start at $45 for an unpowered camping site that sleeps up to 4 students. Packages with pre-pitched tents are also available for students and supervisors/teachers.

A range of activities are available to groups camping on the island including film screenings, giant chess and vintage lawn games!

Learn more and find out how supervisors/teachers can camp for free:
cockatooisland.gov.au/school-camping

Note: Camping trips are managed by the Cockatoo Island's Accommodation Team and must be arranged separately to education programs.



Steam crane demonstrations

Toot, toot! Travel to the era when steam power ruled and see one of Cockatoo Island's Iron Giants in action!

Specialist volunteers carry out maintenance checks on the island's historic steam cranes on the first Tuesday of every month. If your visit coincides with an upcoming maintenance check day, your students will get to see one of three metal behemoths in action: The Mort's Dock Steam Crane as well as the No 1 and No 2 Travelling Steam Cranes all date to the 1890s.



Food and beverage

The island's family-friendly venues, Cockatoo Overboard (pictured) and Marina Cafe and Bar, operate daily.

Cockatoo Overboard caters for school groups. To view their school menu, visit **cockatoooverboard.com.au/societe-catering**. To discuss dietary requirements, contact the cafe on 0434 372 260 or email **hello@societecatering.com.au**.



Plan your trip

HOW TO GET HERE

- The easiest way to get to Cockatoo Island is by public ferry. The F3 and F8 services operate to Cockatoo Island daily, departing from Circular Quay and Barangaroo as well as from wharves along Parramatta River. For further information, including timetables, visit the Transport NSW website. Note: The F8 ferries have greater capacity than the F3 ferries.
- If your group is travelling to Cockatoo Island by ferry, each person will need to have an Opal Card with sufficient funds.
- If you are catching a ferry to Cockatoo Island with a large group, we encourage you to notify Transdev Sydney Ferries via their contact form at **transdev.com.au/contact-us**. Please ensure they are made aware of the size of your group, the ferry service you intend to use (e.g. F3 Parramatta Service at 10am on 17 July) and where you are travelling to and from (e.g. Circular Quay to Cockatoo Island).
- All groups are responsible for arranging transport to/from the island. The cost of travel is not covered by a booking with us.
- A public bus stop is located near the gangway to Woolwich Wharf (bottom of Valentia Street). Buses are permitted to drop off students at this stop and there is room to comfortably turn back up the hill. The trip to Cockatoo Island from Woolwich Wharf, aboard the F8 ferry, only takes 5 minutes.

CANCELLATIONS

To avoid a cancellation fee, groups must give at least 7 business days' notice if they need to cancel their booking.
Our programs run regardless of the weather, so groups should come prepared with wet weather gear and sun protection.
If ferry services are cancelled and/or the island is closed due to dangerous weather, we will refund the booking.

SUPERVISION

Please ensure student supervision is adequate (1:30 for primary school groups and 1:30 for high school groups).

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Please familiarise yourself with our education programs T&Cs, available here: **cockatooisland.gov.au/education-programs**

Risk assessments

We've prepared a risk assessment to help school groups plan their excursion.
To view our risk assessment, visit **cockatooisland.gov.au/education-programs**



Did you know?

Cockatoo Island boasts breathtaking harbour views, making it the perfect backdrop for a class photo!

SAFETY AND ACCESSIBILITY

Cockatoo Island is a former industrial site with cliffs and steep drops as well as occasional unmarked and uneven surfaces, voids and trip hazards. For your safety (and that of your students), mind your step, wear appropriate enclosed footwear, stay alert for vehicles and monitor your group.

The lower island is generally accessible by wheelchairs and mobility scooters; however, there are uneven surfaces and some buildings are not suited to mobility aids. Accessing the upper island requires visitors to climb stairs or ascend steep rises. Due to the heritage nature of buildings, some buildings on the upper island are only accessible via stairs.

The campground is wheelchair accessible, with a dedicated shower and toilet available; however, tents have a step to enter, which is not suitable for wheelchair access.

Priority works and major events may disrupt visitor access to areas of Cockatoo Island. Check our website for details and speak to our Bookings Officers at the time of booking for help, including alternative routes. As required, our education guides will alter tour routes.

Assistance animals (as defined by the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992*) are permitted on Cockatoo Island.

We will do our best to cater programs for students with access requirements. If you require more information about accessibility on the island, don't hesitate to email **education@harbourtrust.gov.au**.

Stay in touch

ENQUIRIES

Any questions? We're here to help!

For education programs and tours: email **education@harbourtrust.gov.au** or call (02) 8969 2100.

For school camping trips: email **stay@cockatooisland.gov.au** or call (02) 9700 4111.

UNGUIDED VISITS

Is your school group visiting Cockatoo Island as part of a self-guided excursion? Let us know ahead of time so we can ensure your time here is safe and enjoyable. Register at **cockatooisland.gov.au/unguided-school-visits**

SIGN UP FOR OUR EDUCATION ENEWS

To stay in the loop about Cockatoo Island's school group experiences, sign up for our education eNews at **cockatooisland.gov.au/education-enews**.