



River Boy – Sackville North Historical Inquiry

Brewongle EEC is situated at the former North Sackville Public School which was built in 1878, towards the end of the Colonial period. This historical inquiry focuses on the nature of everyday life on the Hawkesbury River in post-1800 colonial settlements, and how the environment changed during that time. The program covers 'The Australian Colonies', with pre- and post-visit lessons.

This excursion is based around two Inquiry Questions:

Q. *What do we know about the lives of people in Australia's colonial past and how do we know?*

Q. *What were significant events that shaped Australian colonies?*

Q. *How did colonial settlement change the environment?*



Young Historians: Piece together artefacts, maps and Morse Code at Brewongle to uncover who the Riverboy is and learn about schooling in the past.

Observe the Weather: Why was the baker's boy so cold in his boat? Conduct scientific experiments to test theories about wind chill and build your own clay boat!



Walk Back in Time: Where is the story set? Walk down the Sulky Track and see how it compares to the historical stories and photographs. Look at and sketch the old school boat and compare transportation methods to those we use today.

Syllabus Links: Stage 3 The Australian Colonies (HT3-1, 2,3,5)

Contact Brewongle EEC for pricing and available dates.

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