



# Time is of the Essence

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Sovereign Hill Education

Timing and purpose are everything!

## Background

### Education Programs at Sovereign Hill

- Costumed schools program (16,000)
- Sovereign Hill Education (74,000)
- Narmbool (8,000)

## Statistics

- 98,000 student day visits in 2013/2014
- 60% Year 5 and 6 (Upper Primary)
- 25% K to Year 4 (Lower Primary)
- 15% Year 9 and VCE (Secondary)
  
- On a two year rotation approximately 62% of all Victorian schools visit Sovereign Hill (2012 – 2013 figures)
  
- Many of our schools visit for 2 or 3 days
  
- These figures do not include the Gold Museum or *Blood on the Southern Cross*



## The Outdoor Museum

### Sovereign Hill Education – What do we offer?

1. Face-to-face sessions free for visiting groups.
  - 15 different sessions
  - K to VCE
2. Discover It Yourself Learning activities
  - No trails!
3. A dedicated education website with resources for students and teachers
  - Sov Hill Ed blog
4. Professional Learning Opportunities for teachers





## Some basic principles of our face-to-face teaching

Education sessions must be

- Unique
- Hands – on
- FUN
- Thought provoking
- Well timed and purposeful
- [Gold Fever Movie](#)

### The Importance of Time

1. Attention span
2. Pace of programs
  - “We haven’t got time to waste”
3. Never going over the interest hill
  - “Can we do that again?”



## Examples of our programs

Criteria: Is it unique, fun, hands-on, thought-provoking, well-paced?



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**At Sovereign Hill Education**

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