

Teacher's Resource: The Australian Gold Rush

Central Goldfields 2-Day School Camp—Bendigo

The Australian Gold Rush—a period spanning 1850-1900—is a popular theme for study during primary school. Gold was discovered along the banks of the Bendigo Creek in 1851, starting a major gold rush and making Bendigo an ideal place for students to have a variety of authentic experiences that bring this period in history to life. Below are sample activities for a 2-day camp centred on the Gold Rush theme.



Central Deborah Gold Mine—Go underground and tour this original working mine! Learn about the gold mining processes, production volumes, and the unique culture of miners and mining immigrants. This rich history has even influenced our language!



Chinese Museum—The Chinese who came to Bendigo and other parts of Australia during the gold rush, played a key role and stayed on to form part of the cultural fabric of the city and the country. Bendigo's Chinese museum outlines their journey to this area and significant contribution to life on the goldfields.



Buildings—The majestic Shamrock Hotel in Bendigo is just one of many grand buildings and monuments built during this Central Victorian city's pivotal nineteenth century history—an era of wealth and prosperity brought about by the Victoria Gold Rush.

Food

Australians are very familiar with the classic Cornish pastie—but just how is it linked to our Gold Rush past? Enjoy eating a piece of history-come-to-life at the Beechworth Bakery, Bendigo.

Bookings

Camp Package: Let Bendigo Backpackers take the work out of planning your school camp! We can organise your 2-day tour to include relevant tours, sights and activities, as well as meals, entertainment and accommodation. Let us help you organise a memorable, affordable and educational school camp.

Accommodation only: With easy access to many of our city's historic, cultural and eating venues, Bendigo Backpackers makes the perfect budget accommodation for your small group school camp booking. We offer exclusive use of the premises to your group. Call us for a quote on accommodation.