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# Unlock the secrets of Wellington

Education at Wellington Museum, Space Place, Cable Car Museum and Nairn Street Cottage.





Museums Wellington offers tailored, hands-on learning experiences at all four of our museums. From social science to space science, your class will gain a unique understanding of the Wellington region and the southern skies.

Take a browse through our programmes or contact us about customising an experience that suits your individual requirements.

Our institutions are: Wellington Museum, Space Place, Cable Car Museum and Nairn Street Cottage.



# Wellington Museum

Wellington's award-winning museum gives students the chance to connect the past, present and future through stories, taonga and objects of Te Upoko o te Ika. Explore the environment, events, people and places of the capital city.



## Our Place to Call Home

Levels 1-2 (Years 1-4)

Learn about the journey, arrival and settlement of Wellington's diverse society through a hands-on and interactive session.

## Māori Myths and Legends

Levels 1-4 (Years 1-8)

Explore the myths and legends of the Wellington region, with reference to the Pepper's Ghost projection and taonga – poupou and tukutuku – housed in our collection.

## Te Whanganui a Tara

All levels

Learn about the place, the people and our relationships with the city. This can be tailored and focused on different regions and curriculum levels. Suitable for regional schools and also for those coming to Wellington for a capital city experience.



## Behind the Scenes in the Museum

Levels 1-4 (Years 1-8)

Be inspired by and gain insights into the museum world. From choosing and storing objects to curating exhibitions, learn how people choose to record history.

## Behind the Scenes in the Museum

(for senior students)

Levels 5-8 (Years 9-13)

From selecting objects and stories to curating an exhibition, students examine bias, perspectives, contested histories and the role of the 21st-century museum.

## Writers' Workshop

Levels 3-4 (Years 5-8)

Look at Wellington through the words of writers and poets. Take a guided tour along the Wellington Writers Walk, learn the stories behind the words, and back at Wellington Museum develop these concepts into your own pieces of writing.

## Streams and Stormwater

Levels 3-5 (Years 5-10)

Learn how the use and management of water resources affect the urban environment. Field work includes visiting Kumutoto Stream and Wellington Harbour.

## Te Ara o ngā Tupuna

Levels 4-8 (Years 7-13)

Arrival and settlement of the Wellington region – this programme is tailored to meet year levels and individual student/school requirements. Includes a walk around sites of significance.

## Te Waka Wahine

Levels 4-8 (Years 5-13)

The sinking of the Lyttelton-Wellington ferry *Wahine* on 10 April 1968 was New Zealand's worst modern maritime disaster. Students examine cause and effects, perspectives and significance of this tragedy. Senior students have the opportunity to meet people involved in the *Wahine* disaster.

## Making a Difference

Levels 4-8 (Years 5-13)

Tackle contemporary issues such as human rights, environmentalism and the impacts of colonisation. Focusing on objects in Wellington Museum's collection, such as the 1975 Hiko led by the late Dame Whina Cooper, and Nuclear Free Wellington.

## Geography 2.2

Level 7 (Years 11-13)

Students understand how natural and cultural environments develop and change with time, with reference to the urban pattern/s they are studying. Can include field work and/or research.

## NCEA History

Levels 7-8 (Years 11-13)

Tailored to the requests of teachers and based on NCEA achievement standards – examples include Māori History Project, Wakefield Scheme, World War I, World War II, and 1913 Strike.

# Space Place

At Carter Observatory

Space Place highlights the science, culture and history of astronomy. Along with the planetarium show experience you will browse Space Place's interactive galleries and participate in a fun and interactive educator-led workshop.

## The World Around Us

Levels 1-2 (Years 1-4)

Explore the Earth, Sun and Moon, including day and night, the rotation of the Earth and the changing phases of the Moon. This programme can be tailored to complement your class programme. Learners are involved in group work and interactive demonstrations.

## Seasons, Shadows and Cycles

Levels 2-4 (Years 3-8)

Study how shadows change. Whether it be daily or yearly, shadows relate to seasons and time. Learn how shadows affect our day-to-day life.

## Explore the Solar System

Levels 2-5+ (Years 5-10+)

You'll begin with the Earth, Sun and Moon, before setting off to explore the planets of the Solar System and the relationships between them all.

## Solar System and Beyond

Levels 2-5+ (Years 5-10+)

Fly through our Solar System, find out what galaxies are and see the Hubble Deep Sky Field during this special interactive tour (number limitations apply).

## Telescope Tour

Levels 4-5+ (Years 7-10+)

Discover the collection of telescopes at Space Place; learn about how different types of telescopes work and construct a working telescope!

## Astronomical Cycles and Timescales

Levels 4-5+ (Years 7-10+)

Explore astronomical timekeeping and calendars from many different cultures around the world. Take a look at Te Maramataka and other lunar and solar calendars, how they are used and the stories hidden in the stars.

## Extremophiles

Levels 4-5+ (Years 7-10+)

Explore and understand the weird and wonderful world of extremophiles. Find out what they are, where they could live and why they are so important.

## Hunting for Asteroids

Levels 4-5+ (Years 8-10+)

Students use customised astronomical software and real telescope data to hunt for asteroids in the Solar System (number limitations apply).



# Cable Car Museum

Take a look into how technology was used to shape the city. Located in the original winding house, the museum is a unique resource that adds to the layers of the Wellington story. Programmes are grounded in the Social Sciences, English and Technology learning areas.

## The Wellington Cable Car

Levels 1–4 (Years 5–8)

Look into the city's past and present changes in technology, and how the Wellington Cable Car has played a big part in how the city has developed.

Also see Harbour and Hill (Collaborative Programmes), Geography 2.2 and NCEA History (Wellington Museum).



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# Nairn Street Cottage

Nairn Street Cottage illustrates the story of Wellington through the Wallis family. The oldest original settler dwelling in Wellington, the Cottage and heritage garden provide learning opportunities in a range of learning areas and across all levels.

## Past Times Pastimes

Levels 1–4 (Years 5–8)

Using hands-on activities, games and artefacts, explore various aspects of colonial life and how it compares to modern day living.

## WWI Life at Home

Levels 1–4 (Years 5–8)

Take a look at the Wallis family story and explore the characteristics of life at home during WWI.

## Te Aro o ngā Tupuna

Levels 3–4 (Years 7–10)

Using our site and displays, see how the Wallis family survived and thrived in Wellington (students often combine this with a visit to Te Aro Pā to get a full perspective on the use of the land and resources and the impacts of colonisation).

## Continuity and Change (NCEA History)

Levels 7–8 (Years 11–13)

Programmes are tailored to the requests of teachers and based on NCEA achievement standards – examples include Māori History Project, Wakefield Scheme, analysis of colonisation and WWI Home Front.

# Collaborative Programmes

## Harbour and Hill

Levels 1–4 (Years 1–8)

Visit Wellington Museum and Cable Car Museum and see how places influence people and people influence places.

## Te Aho a Māui

Levels 1–4 (Years 1–8)

An extended version of Māori Myths and Legends, this includes a guided visit to the City to Sea Bridge and a session at Wellington Central Library or City Gallery Wellington. Library sessions for younger students involve storytelling and for older students digital literacy and research.

## Capital City Connections

Levels 2–4 (Years 5–8)

Capital City Connections is a cross-curricular, full-day programme where students get a taste of the arts, culture, heritage, science and technology as they experience their capital city and their relationships with it. With City Gallery Wellington, Space Place and Capital E.

## Star Path

Levels 3–4 (Years 5–8)

Embark on a journey of discovery, focusing on the opportunities and challenges of exploration and navigation, from the early Polynesian wayfinders to the satellite technology that we use today. With Wellington Museum and Space Place.

## Ship and Chip Trip to Matiu/Somes Island

Levels 2–5 (Years 3–10)

Learn the significance of Matiu/Somes Island and how it has changed with time. Explore stories at Wellington Museum and follow this with a trip to the island. There is also an opportunity to visit the Petone Settlers Museum.

With Wellington Museum, Department of Conservation and Petone Settlers Museum.

## Contact us to find out more

Please note that charges apply for our education programmes. Contact our team to discuss your requirements and any questions you may have for your next visit.

For enquiries regarding **Wellington Museum**, **Nairn Street Cottage** and **Cable Car Museum** programmes, please call us on 04 472 8904 or email us at [museumeducation@experiencewellington.org.nz](mailto:museumeducation@experiencewellington.org.nz)

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