

How has our way of life changed in Australia?

- What was life like for your grandparents and great grandparents when they were the same age you are now?
- How did they travel from place to place?
- What games did they play and what toys did they have?
- How has technology changed?

Discover how people lived in Australia in the past by interacting with objects and stories to investigate how life has changed for people over the last 100 years. Follow the clues and meet twelve intriguing characters who lived and worked during this time.

Program Details

Year levels	Prep – Year 2
Group size	30 students – two groups can run concurrently
Duration of Visit	90 minutes
Cost	Free for schools in the TRC area; \$6.00 per student for all other schools
Availability	Monday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm
Curriculum links	See Australian History Curriculum Links to Cobb+Co Museum Programs

Aims

Exploring the stories, vehicles and objects in Cobb+Co Museum's galleries will give students the opportunity to:

- investigate how people lived in Australia in the past (travel, communication, housing, clothes, food, entertainment, work and family life) by interpreting objects and listening to the stories of twelve characters who lived and worked during this time;
- interact with hands-on objects to experience first-hand what life was like and examine the changes in technology;
- understand that objects help us remember stories from the past and help us tell the stories of the present;
- understand that museums are about collections and we have to look after our collections; and
- use a range of communication skills (oral, graphic, written, role play) to express their ideas.

Program Overview

• **Introductory Activity**

A Cobb+Co staff member will provide an introduction for students to introduce them to the concept of change over time using stories and a large variety of objects including vehicles, household items, toys and school items that were used in the past. Students will compare the objects from the past with the present to identify similarities and differences and examine how technology has changed over time.

• **Gallery Activity**

Students will explore the Museum's galleries to investigate how objects and the roles of family members have changed over time. They will participate in an *Olden Days Treasure Hunt*, play olden day games – jacks, knuckles, quoits, marbles, hopscotch, skipping and elastics, try writing copybook style and role play in the Coach Stop interactive play area. **Teachers will be required to direct this activity.**

• **Reflection**

Students will share stories about their favourite objects and discuss how these objects and the roles of family members have changed over time comparing these with their lives today.