



Australian Government
Summer Schools for Teachers



THE AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Australian Government Summer School for Teachers of Australian History 2008

The Australian National University
with its consortium partners
Australian War Memorial
History Teachers' Association (Victoria)
National Archives of Australia
National Museum of Australia
National Capital Educational Tourism Project
Old Parliament House

The Australian History Summer School will bring together some of Australia's best history teachers for a 10-day residential program with leading scholars from The Australian National University, other universities in Australia and overseas, and curators from national cultural institutions.

Dates and venue

The Australian History Summer School will be run from 14 January to 25 January 2008 at The Australian National University, in Canberra ACT.

Program

Teachers will have the opportunity to participate in a challenging and diverse program which will include the following components:

- **Lectures, Workshops, Debates** – a team of leading scholars, curators and educators will be brought together for a four-day series of lectures, workshops and debates canvassing the latest research in Australian history. The program will examine the broadest possible range of subjects in Australian history, from social and political developments, to indigenous and environmental history, from biography to war. A special emphasis will also be given to new ways of studying the past and to new thinking about older forms of historical investigation. We will shorten the distance between the production of historical research and its use in the classroom by bringing teachers face-to-face with those at the cutting edge of historical enquiry.
- **Development of Teacher Pedagogy** – two days of lectures and workshops will be devoted to developing teacher pedagogy and leadership skills.
- **Research** – teachers will be placed and supported for two days in a research institution to complete a pre-arranged research task in an area of interest chosen by the teacher. The research will be supervised in small groups and on a one-to-one basis by academic staff and by staff at the research institutions involved. These include: the National Archives of Australia; the Australian War Memorial; the National Museum of Australia; the National Library of Australia; the Australian Prime Ministers Centre, Old Parliament House; AIATSIS; the Noel Butlin Archives, ANU; and the National Film and Sound Archive. This is a unique opportunity for participants to rediscover the importance and the joy of research-led teaching.
- **Education** – teachers will be provided with a two day series of 'in-service' workshops with the education staff of national cultural institutions including the Australian War Memorial, National Archives of Australia, National Museum of Australia, and Old Parliament House.

Post course support

After completing the Australian History Summer School teachers will be supported on return to their schools with an on-line resource website. Follow up sessions in each State and Territory will also be provided in conjunction with the local History Teachers Association.

Go to: <http://www.summerschools.dest.gov.au>

and apply now – the closing date for applications is **Wednesday 17 October 2007**

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