

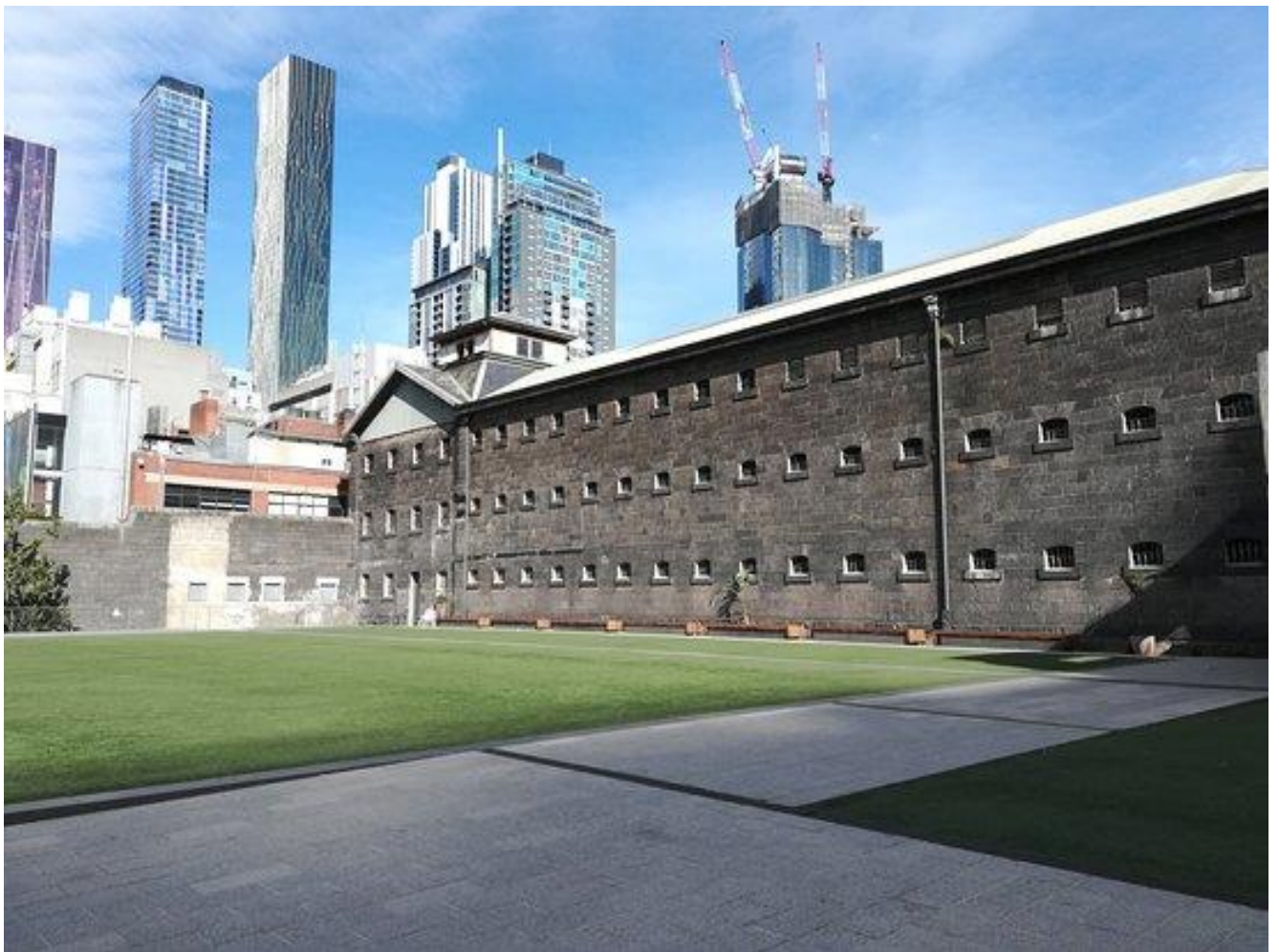
Old Melbourne Gaol – education guided tour



Social Script – for the families and teachers of students visiting the Old Melbourne Gaol that are on the Autism Spectrum.

What is the Old Melbourne Gaol?

The Old Melbourne Gaol used to be a prison or jail in the olden days. It is not open anymore and no one is locked up there now. There is now a museum in the Old Melbourne Gaol, where I will see some objects from the olden days and learn about history.



Arriving

When I arrive at the Old Melbourne Gaol and get off the bus, I will stand away from the road and listen to what my teacher says.

We will walk through an archway into a courtyard with fake grass. It might be loud in the courtyard; I might be able to hear the traffic on the street.



Toilets

There are toilets in the courtyard, which can be accessed from a ramp. I always need to ask an adult before going to the toilet. The toilets have hand driers in them, they might be loud.



The tour

When it is time for our tour to start, our guide will come over and introduce themselves. Our guide will tell us all about life in the past. They might talk about things that I find scary, but I am safe.

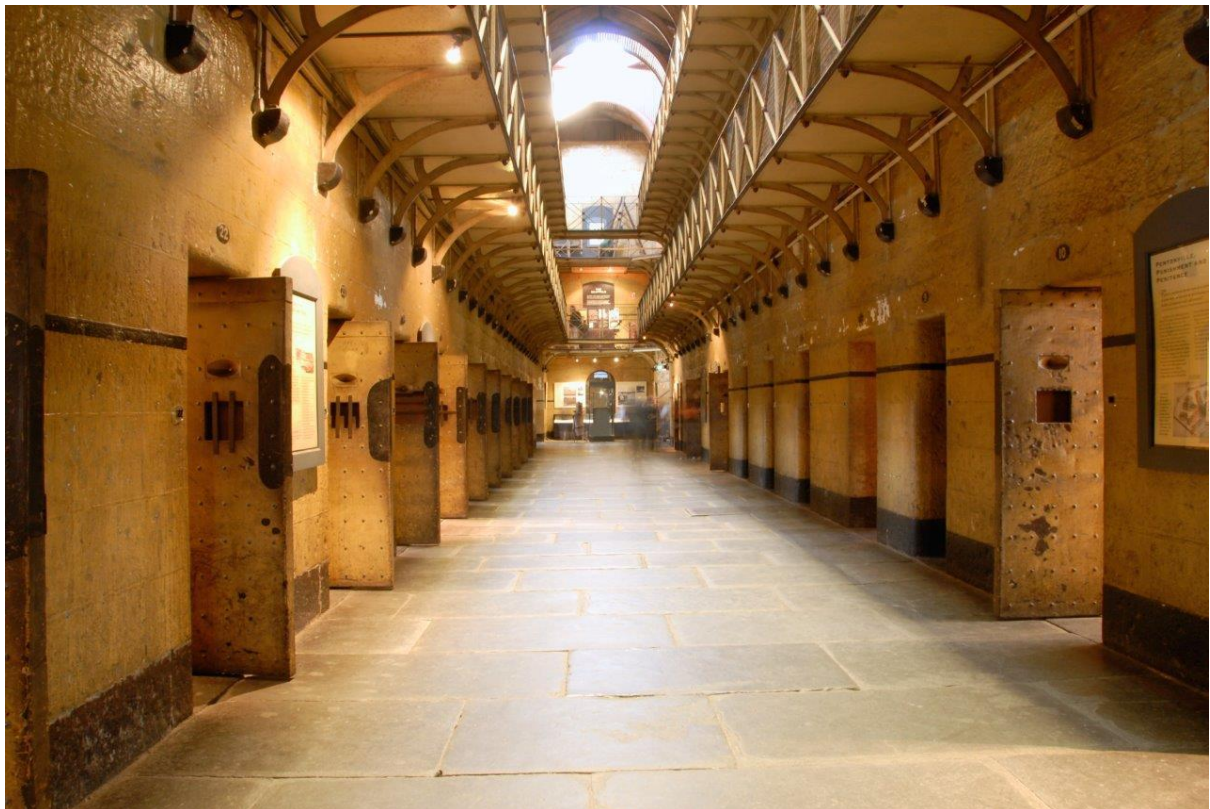
If I have a question for the guide, I need to put my hand up.



Inside the Old Melbourne Gaol

The tour guide will take us into the Old Melbourne Gaol through the side door. Inside the Old Melbourne Gaol, I must walk and not run.

When we walk in, it will be dark, but it isn't scary. The building is very old, so I won't touch the doors or walls. Inside the building there are jail cells, but they can't lock.



The objects

We will see many old things from history, some of them will be behind glass. There are plaster masks inside some of the jail cells, these might look scary, but I am safe.



Free time

When our tour is over, we get 10 minutes to have a look around the museum.

If I feel uncomfortable or scared, I will tell my teacher.

I will listen to the tour guide and my teacher when they tell us the rules. I won't run.

I will use a quiet voice when talking.



Toilets inside the Gaol

If I need to go to the toilet, I need to ask my teacher first. If I need to go to the toilet, there is a boys one on the middle floor and a girls one on the top.



Leaving the Old Melbourne Gaol

When it is time to leave, my tour guide will tell us. When we are leaving we will walk out through the same door we came in through.

