

Polly Woodside Education Primary Program Social Script



This Social Script is for the families and teachers of students visiting Polly Woodside that are on the Autism Spectrum.

What is Polly Woodside?

Polly Woodside is a boat from the olden days. It used to be used to transport coal and other things all around the world. It doesn't sail anymore and won't move when I am on it. It is now a place people come to learn about history.



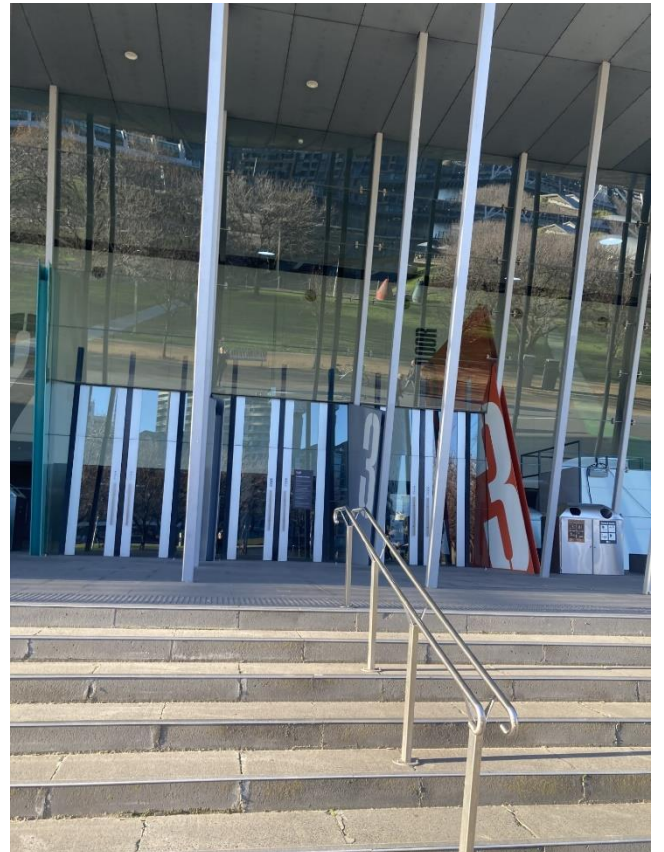
Arriving at Polly Woodside

When we arrive at Polly Woodside, we must walk along South Wharf. There might be a lot of people, it might be loud. I will stay with my teachers.



Toilets

While we wait, I can use the toilets in the Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Building. I need to ask a teacher to go to the toilet. The toilets might be loud.



Coming inside

When it is time for our tour, we will walk inside the gate to the deck. I will leave my bag up against the wall.



The tour guide

Our tour guides might be dressed like sailors, but they are just pretending.

Our guides might ask us to shout out, this might be loud.



The tour of the ship

Our guides will split us up into groups and show us around the boat and the museum. Everyone will have a go at seeing everything.

I must listen carefully to the rules. I will not touch any ropes. I will walk and not run. I will not go near the edge.



The wheel

On the ship we will do many activities, I must wait my turn.

I might have a go steering the wheel of the ship. It might be heavy.



Scrubbing the deck

I might try scrubbing the deck with a broom. I might get wet doing this.



The bell

The bell was used by sailors to tell the time and signal danger.

I might try ringing the bell, the bell is very loud.



The cabins

I will visit the cabins where sailors slept in the olden days. It might be dark in the cabins, but it isn't scary.

If I have a question, I need to put my hand up and wait.



The museum

Inside the museum we will learn more about the history of Polly Woodside.

I might see a movie about Polly Woodside, which might be scary.



The tunnel

I might go in a tunnel that spins. I don't have to stay in there if I don't like it.



Leaving

When the tour is over, I will grab my bag and leave through the gate we arrived through.

