

Court Room Drama – Former Magistrate's Court



Social Script – for the families and teachers of students visiting the Former Magistrates Court that are on the Autism Spectrum.

What is the Magistrates Court?

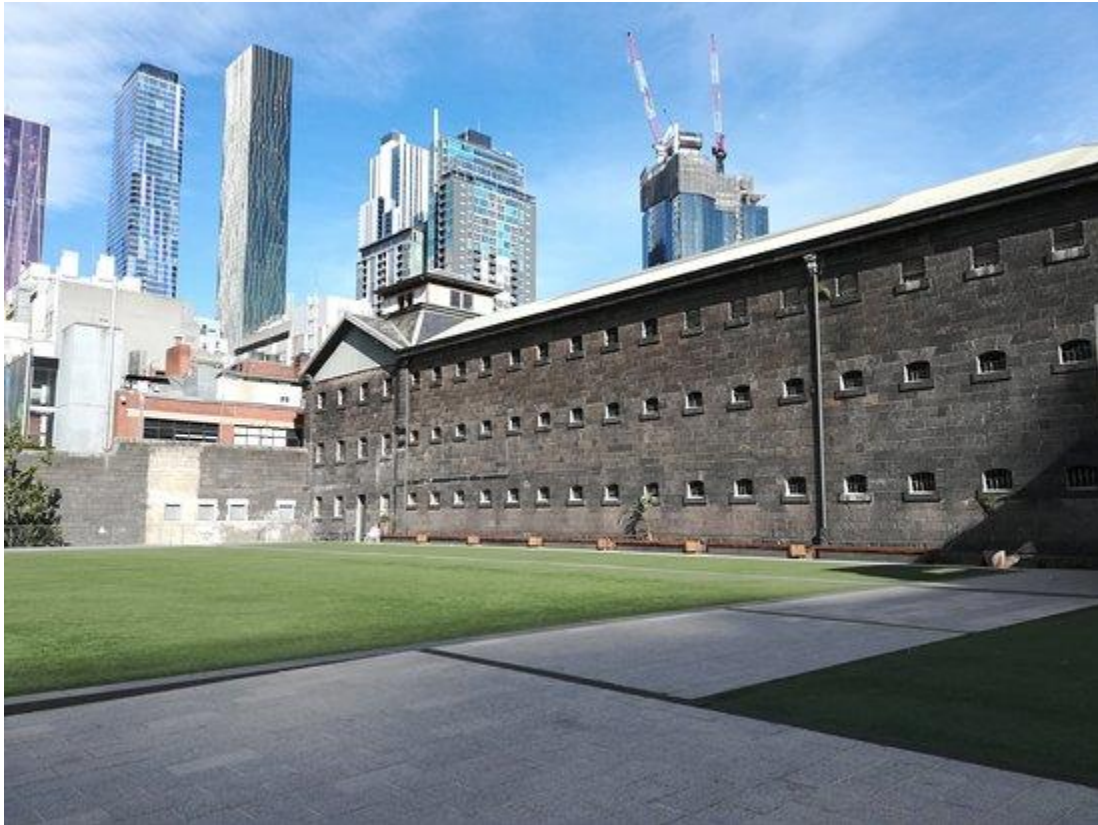
The Magistrate's Court is where people used to go when they got in trouble with the police. It was where judges and lawyers worked. A magistrate is like a judge. It isn't open anymore. Now it is used to do Court Room Dramas for education.



Arrival

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.



Walking down

When it is time for our Court Room Drama, our guide will come over and talk to us. I need to listen carefully and put my hand up if I have a question.

We will walk down the pavement to the Courts, I need to stay away from the road and on the footpath.



The Courts

When I walk inside the building, I must be very quiet.

When we walk into the court room, I will put my bag down on a table and find a place to sit.



Introduction

The guide will tell us about the Magistrates Court building and introduce the Court Case.

We will all get parts to read in the Court Room Drama. Some people will have more reading than other people. I might get to wear a costume.



The Court Room Drama

If I have a question during the Court Room Drama, I will save it for after we are done reading.

There are videos with sound that play during the Court Room Drama, they might be loud, they are not scary. They are projected onto the wall.

If I need help reading my part, I will ask an adult.

At the end I will give back my script.



Leaving

When we leave, I will remember to take my bag and leave quietly through the side door.

