



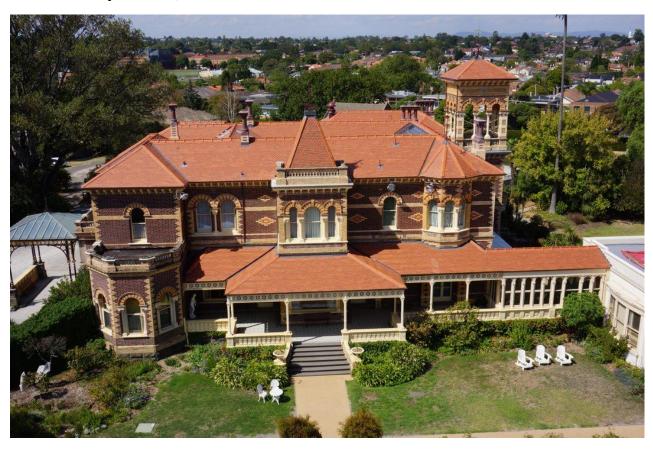
Rippon Lea – education program



Social Script – for the families and teachers of students visiting Rippon Lea Estate that are on the Autism Spectrum.

What is Rippon Lea?

Rippon Lea is a big house that was built in the olden days, and it used to be where the Sargood family lived. No one lives there anymore. Now Rippon Lea is a place where people come and learn about history. The house has lots of old-fashioned objects in it, but I'm not allowed to touch them.



Arrival

When we arrive at Rippon Lea, I will wait until the teacher says to get off the bus. I will make sure to stand back from Hotham Street, it might be loud, I might be able to hear cars.

I will follow my guides up the path to the house.



The Guides

The guides will be dressed in a costume that is from the olden days. The guides aren't really from the olden days, they are pretending.



Snack and lunch

The guides will show us where to put our bags and where we will have snack and lunch. I will put my rubbish back in my bag when I am finished eating.



Toilets

The guides will show us where the toilets are.

I must ask a teacher before going to the toilet.

I might have to wait if someone is already in the toilet.

There are hand driers in the toilet, they might be loud.



Creature Catcher

We will explore the garden; it might be sunny, or it might be raining.

When I do the Creature Catcher activity, I will always stay with my adult. I will walk carefully.

I will make sure to share with my friends, so everyone can have a go.



Old fashioned games

When we play old fashioned games, I will listen to the rules.

I might not get to play the game I want first. I will wait my turn.

I will be careful with the equipment.



House tour

Inside the house there is a lot of rooms like a living room that they call a drawing room.

When I go inside Rippon Lea, I will keep my hands to myself and not touch anything.

I will use my inside voice.

If I have a question, I will put my hand up.

We will explore the rooms downstairs and upstairs.



Servants' chores

When we do the servants laundry my hands might get wet and cold.

I will listen carefully to the guide.



The kitchen

We will also get to see the old-fashioned kitchen. I won't touch anything because it might break.



Leaving

When it is time to leave, I will take my bag and my rubbish with me.

I will listen to my teacher and walk back down to the bus the same way we got here.

