

Barwon Grange – education program



Social Script – for the families and teachers of students visiting Barwon Grange that are on the Autism Spectrum.

What is Barwon Grange?

Barwon Grange is a house that was built in the olden days, and it used to be where the Porter-O'Brien family lived. No one lives there anymore. Now Barwon Grange 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 Barwon Grange, I will wait until the teacher says to get off the bus.

I will make sure to stand back from the dirt road, it might be loud, I might be able to hear cars.

I will follow my guides up the path to the front of 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.

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

Our guides will show us around Barwon Grange and help us with the 4 activities.



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.



Discovery trail

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

When I do the Discovery Trail activity, I will always stay with my adult.

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 to first. I will wait my turn.

I will be careful with the equipment.



House tour

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

When I go inside Barwon Grange, I will keep my hands to myself and I won't touch anything unless the guide says I can.

I will use my quiet voice.

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



Servants work

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

We will learn how to wash clothes like they did in the olden days.

I will listen carefully to the guide.



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.

I had fun at Barwon Grange!

