

Archaeology: Teacher Professional Development Workshops

This professional learning opportunity is designed to provide teachers with the appropriate resources and skills to engage students in a range of topics within the history, geography and science curricula



This professional development workshop provides an overview of the role of archaeology in the understanding of cultures and societies within the ancient world. It will be presented by archaeologists who have studied at University the rich archaeological record of these cultures.

Using specific case studies our presenters will detail the archaeology of places and cultures. They will show what the materials left behind tell us about the people who created and used them. Topics that can be covered include:

- The use of archaeology as a primary source.
- Excavation techniques.
- How archaeology aids the understanding of peoples' daily lives in ancient societies, their beliefs and practises.
- Dating – Using relative and absolute dating techniques in archaeology
- Chronology – Distinguishing between the past, present and future through archaeology
- Place and community – How archaeology can show the way places change over time, why they are important and significant to people, and also how they can be cared for particularly in terms of their heritage value
- First Australians – How archaeologists investigate and communicate the extensive and dynamic history of Aboriginal people and Torres Strait Islanders
- Science – How archaeology uses a wide range of scientific methods and techniques to investigate the mysteries of the past

Dependant on the needs of Teachers will be given case studies, student work sheets, detailed teachers notes and well-structured and stimulating lesson plans that they can easily implement in the classroom.

Archaeological site case studies can include:

- Lake Mungo (Ancient Australia)
- Devil's Lair ((Ancient Australia)
- Lake Halstatt (Celtic)
- Hatshepsut burial chamber (Ancient Egypt)
- Angkor Wat (Khmer Empire)

- Chichen Itza (Mayan)
- Persepolis (Ancient Greece)
- Troy (Ancient Greece)
- Zhoukoudian (Ancient China)
- Uruk (Neo-Assyrian)
- Machu Picchu (Incan)
- Anasazi (North America)
- Herculaneum (Ancient Rome)
- Masada (Ancient Rome)
- Merv (Silk Road)



Archae-aus are Ancient Australian archaeology specialists. Archaeology shows us that the human occupation of Australia spans almost 60,000 years and artefacts recovered during excavations and surface investigations reveal occupations by diverse and complex cultures. Archae-aus can provide up-to-date and relevant resources, including recent research results from work carried out locally, from wider Australia and archaeology around the world.

At the end of this workshop, teachers will have gained a further understanding of the archaeology and the incredible story of the ancient world.

FURTHER DETAILS

Cost

\$85 per person (GST exclusive)(Members of the History Teachers Association of WA (HTAWA) will receive a 10% discount)

The cost of the workshop includes teacher's resource bundle, fun learning activities and presentation.

Session Information

The workshop runs for 2.5 hours and requires a minimum of 10 teachers.

Certification

A certificate of completion will be provided as evidence of participating in this professional learning activity, as per the requirements of the Teacher Registration Board of Western Australia (TRBWA).

ABOUT ARCHAЕ-AUS

Archae-aus is one of Australia's most-established cultural resource management companies specialising in Indigenous and historical heritage assessments, research and education. For over 10 years, Archae-aus has held archaeology incursions and talks in primary and secondary schools. We offer school students the opportunity to learn from professional, Australian-trained archaeologists.

We help students explore key historical and archaeological themes through hands-on experiences, tailored to each school teacher's needs and which are relevant to the curricula.

Our staff have completed post-graduate degrees in Australian archaeology and our presenters have studied Ancient History at university level, specialising in the archaeology of the Celts, Ancient Rome, Mesopotamia, Turkey, Greece and Egypt and the Greco-Persian wars.

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