

Norfolk Island Central School - Foundation Day class at the Museum

The Museum was pleased to welcome the year 2 and 3 Language class from NICS to the Commissariat Store Museum on 1 March, 2021 in the lead-up to Foundation Day. The museum was just the first stop for the kids who were learning about Norfolk Island during the First British Settlement (1788-1814). The students went on to view a number of locations in Kingston including the landing place at Kingston Pier.

In the museum, students were greeted by Philip Gidley King (Collections Officer Bethany Holland) and were introduced to what life was like on Norfolk Island in 1788. Fragments of wood and flax were shown, as well as an agricultural hoe that had been recovered during archaeological digs. The recovered bones of a providence petrel were a popular artefact for the students who learnt how the colony caught and ate many of the birds following the Sirius shipwreck in 1790. As well as Philip Gidley King, students also met Olivia Gascoigne, a convict who together with her husband Nathaniel became successful settlers on Norfolk Island.

The museum would like to thank NICS language teacher Ngaire Sheridan for making the excursion possible and to the students who listened so well and handled the artefacts with respect and interest.





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