

# AURA

*Social script for schools*



## What is AURA?



AURA is a night-time show that tells the story of gold, using light, sound and movement.

AURA moves through three different theatres. The theatres are inside and outside. A vehicle is used to transport us through the Sovereign Hill site.

There might be other schools and members of the public with us, so it is important that I stay with my group.

I will follow my teachers' instructions so that I make sure I am at the right place at the right time.

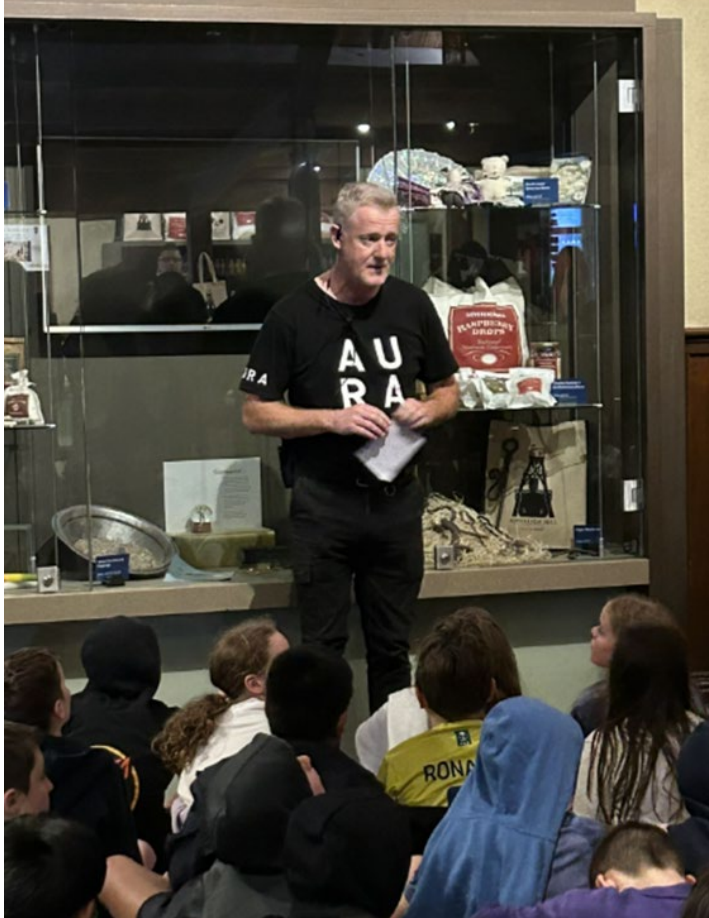
## Arriving for AURA



When I arrive for Aura, there are two ways I can enter the Entrance building:

- If I am staying at the Sovereign Hill Hotel, we will walk through the Outdoor Museum, and enter from the Museum side.
- If I am staying away from Sovereign Hill, I will enter from the visitor carpark side.

## Arriving for AURA



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Once inside, we will sit down in our group, and be greeted by an Aura team guide.

The guide will tell me what the show is about and what to expect, it is important that I listen carefully.

The Aura staff wear a black uniform with the Aura logo in big white letters.

I know the Aura staff can help me if I need it, and I will be supported by my teachers and friends.

# Space and Time Theatre



The first theatre I am in is called the Space and Time Theatre.

The AURA staff will take me into the theatre and tell me where to sit.

I will walk down the stairs to get to my seat.

I will be given special 3D glasses to wear. If I wear glasses, these special glasses will fit over the top.

I will sit as still as I can and listen to the AURA staff. This is like being at the movies.

# Space and Time Theatre



The first story goes for 10 minutes and is about how gold is made.

To see the story in 3D I can wear the special 3D glasses, I will put them on when it goes dark.

The 3D glasses make the objects on the screen pop out and come towards me. I cannot touch these as they are not real. The objects will not hurt me.

If I don't like the objects coming towards me, I can remove my glasses.

I will stay seated whilst the show is on and keep my voice quiet.

# Leaving the Space and Time Theatre



When the lights come back on, I will remove my glasses and hold them on my lap.

The AURA staff will give us instructions on moving to the next theatre. I will wait with my school group and follow the instructions. My teacher will help me.

I will walk down the stairs and the AURA staff will collect my 3D glasses in a cloth basket. I must put my 3D glasses in the basket.

When I am outside the building, it will be dark, and my eyes might need to adjust.

## AURA Vehicle



Outside the building I will see the AURA vehicle. It is long like a bus, but it doesn't have windows.

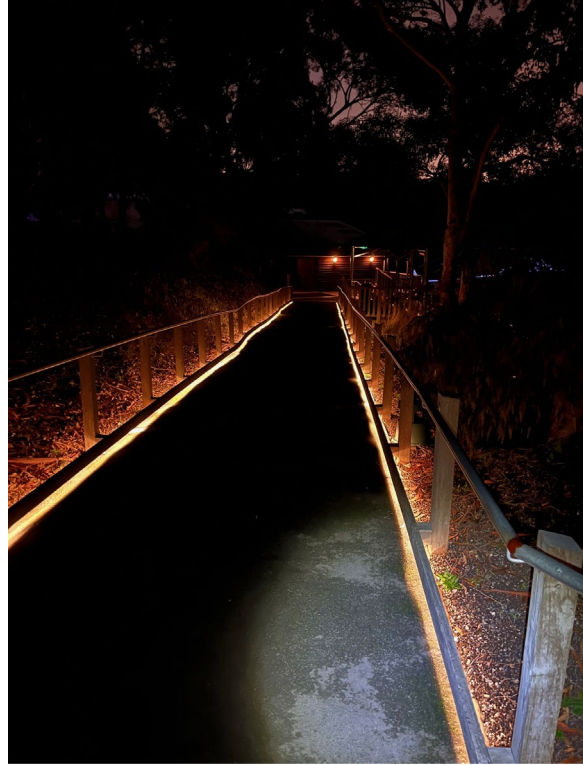
The AURA staff will tell my teacher when my group can get on the vehicle. I will wait with my group.

To get on the vehicle I will step up and sit down on a seat. An AURA guide will lift the rail up on the side of the vehicle, this rail will keep me safe as we travel to the next theatre.

I must stay seated when I am in the vehicle and keep my body inside. I can hold onto the rails.

When I am travelling I can listen to the music and story being played.

## Arrival at the Outdoor Theatre



When we arrive at the outdoor theatre the vehicle will stop, I must stay seated.

The AURA staff will tell my teacher when my group can get off the vehicle. I will listen to my teacher.

The AURA staff will lower the rail on the side of the vehicle. I can place my hands in my lap as this happens. I will step down from the vehicle when my teacher tells me to.

I will follow my teacher to the outdoor theatre. There are lights to guide me.

I will be told where to stand in the theatre. The theatre has steps that I can stand on to watch the show.

# Outdoor Theatre



For 10 minutes I will watch the show from the theatre steps.

The show will be projected onto the banks of the dam.

The show is made of lights and sound and tells the dream time story of the Wadawurrung People.

When the show has finished, I will follow my teacher to the last theatre.

## Golden Point Theatre



I will follow my teacher into the Golden Point Theatre. I might like to sit near my teacher.

In the theatre I will sit on a bench seat, and I will see a large screen in front of me.

This part of the show goes for 45 minutes.

## Golden Point Theatre



After the show starts the screen will open and I will see projections of people and hear their story.

During the show I will see lights, fires, and projections. I will also see the burning of the Eureka Hotel and a battle. I do not need to worry as this is not real.

I will hear gunshots and Chinese crackers in each of the pictured scenes, these are not real.

When the show has finished, I will wait for instructions and then I will follow my teacher back to the vehicle.

## AURA Vehicle – leaving the theatre



When I get back to the vehicle I will sit in a seat and wait for the rail to be closed. This rail will keep me safe as we travel back to the Sovereign Hill Hotel or the Front Entrance.

I will hear the music and story again, and I need to listen to the instructions on the vehicle.

The AURA Driver will stop when I can get off the vehicle. I will then follow my teachers' instructions to walk back to the hotel or leave Sovereign Hill.

It will be dark when we are leaving. The Aura staff will have torches, and my teacher can help me if I need it.

## Accessibility on Aura



There are ramps and an elevator if I cannot take the stairs.

The vehicle has a lower stepped section if I cannot get up the bigger steps.

The vehicle has a lift if I use a wheelchair or walker.

Earmuffs are available to borrow if I forgot mine.

## **Important things to remember when I visit Sovereign Hill museum for Aura :**

- Follow the teacher /adult who is leading my group
- Listen carefully to instructions give to me
- Stay close to my group
- Walk, not run
- Speak with my quiet voice, even though it may be noisy
- Take turns with others
- Wait patiently when I have to line up
- Take a teacher with me to visit the toilet
- Stay seated on the vehicle



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