

MEDIA RELEASE

SOLVE THE MYSTERIES OF SHERLOCK HOMES THESE WINTER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

These school holidays children can embrace their inner detective with *The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes* exhibition opening at the Powerhouse Museum. Accompanying the exhibition will be a series of Sherlockian themed workshops, events and free activities across the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences venues; the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Observatory and the Museums Discovery Centre (MDC).

Junior detectives can get busy finger printing and cracking codes at the Powerhouse Museum, solve intergalactic crimes at Sydney Observatory and use the tools of the trade including lie detectors and invisible ink at the Museums Discovery Centre.

The notion of scientific observation underpins the experiences across each of the venues, as junior detectives are encouraged to think like Sherlock Holmes and look closely at the world around them, collect data, and consider evidence to solve problems, ultimately graduating from Junior Detective School.

Powerhouse Museum

Hall of Mysteries and Detective Photo Booth

1 – 17 July, 10am – 4pm daily, free

Sherlock Holmes has disappeared and the Museum's collection holds the clues to finding him! Put your skills of observation to the test as you look for evidence to solve the mystery of where in the Museum Sherlock Holmes was last seen, before Moriarty does! You'll need to find the message in a bottle, explore specimens through microscopes, find hidden objects, decode secret messages and more as you gather evidence for this case and go on to graduate to the rank of MAAS Junior Detective.

AR Treasure Hunt Designer Digital Workshops

5 July 10am – 4pm, Children \$100, Members \$90, ages 9 – 12

Explore the exciting world of augmented reality (AR) by designing clues and puzzles for your very own AR treasure hunt! Learn the basics of game design with professional tools. Make your own 3D models, textures and music and an AR target to bring your game alive.

Prop Designer

14 July, 10am – 4pm, Children \$100, Members \$90, ages 11 – 13

Props are essential to building the world of film. In this exciting workshop, design and make your own prop based on your favourite movie or game. Use tools and learn techniques to bring your idea to life!

Sydney Observatory

Space Detectives Workshops

1 – 17 July, sessions daily, Children \$20, Members \$15, ages 6 – 10

A crime of stellar proportions has been committed at Sydney Observatory and we need your curious minds and keen eyes to solve the case! Join guides at the scene of the crime and use your investigation skills to solve the mystery.

Animated Cartoon Creator

3 July 10am – 4pm, Children \$100, Members \$90, ages 9-12

Learn the tricks of animation used in popular cartoons. Create your own cartoon using Surface Books to draw frame-by-frame animation and bring still images to life. Suitable for learners with any level of drawing skills, children will bring their imagination to life with a variety of animations, from stick figures to full anime.

Drop-in Detective!

1 – 17 July, sessions daily, free, ages 5+

Using a cipher wheel and coding techniques, solve the clues to unlock the mysteries of the Universe.

Museums Discovery Centre

Junior Detective School Workshops

3 – 7, 10 - 14 July, 10am – 12pm, Children \$25, Members \$20, ages 6 – 10

Enroll in Detective and Spy Training School and learn the basics to become a detective or secret agent. Pick your James Bond getaway car from our collection, discover how lie detectors work, take finger prints, use invisible ink and crack secret codes as you solve super mysteries with our museum trained detectives.

Kids Forensic Lab Workshops

3 – 7, 10 - 14 July, 1 – 3pm, Children \$25, Members \$20, ages 7 – 11

Worried about crimes against museum artefacts? Learn how objects are conserved and use real forensic investigation techniques to solve crimes and foil criminal master minds.

Be a Print Maker

11 July 10am – 4pm, Children \$100, Members \$90, ages 9 – 12

In this one day workshop young artists will be introduced to the exciting world of printmaking. Budding artists will find plenty of inspiration within the MDC collection of objects from MAAS, the Australian Museum and Sydney Living Museums. Drawing upon these inspirations, they will create their own works to showcase in a mini exhibition at the end of the workshop.

I.C.E. (Information and Cultural Exchange) Parramatta

Little Computer Scientist

11 July 10am – 4pm, from \$90, ages 6+

Step into the exciting world of computer science. Learn through play as you discover computer software concepts, develop problem-solving skills and use the MAAS ThinkerShield coding hardware to control physical components such as lights and buzzers. This fun course develops learners' cognition through coding and creativity.

For more digital workshops and free school holidays activities please visit www.maas.museum

The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes

1 June – 29 October, 2017

Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo

sherlockholmesexhibition.com

Tickets via ticketek.com

General admission for adults is \$27 / Concession \$25 / Children \$16 / Family Pass \$65

Discounts available for pre-purchased tickets and groups

The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes exhibition images available here:

https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r1dxv8cahr7h8t9/AADCS_hR1I2A0ap4HUiOR7VLa?dl=0

School holidays images available here:

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About the Museum of Arts and Applied Sciences. Powerhouse Museum, alongside Sydney Observatory and Museums Discovery Centre, is part of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), Australia's contemporary museum for excellence and innovation in applied arts and sciences. MAAS has a vast and diverse collection of over 500,000 objects.