

# SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

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## Plenty to explore at Maritime Museum

Become an ocean superhero these autumn school holidays at the Australian National Maritime Museum, and dive into its fresh program of creative workshops, performances, tours, and trails inspired by the superheroes both within and who take care of our oceans.

Explore the galleries with the Sea Country Activity Trail, make art and scientific experiments at the Kids on Deck Maker Space, discover the superpowers of cephalopods and groupers in Slippery Cephalopod Science Circus Performances, relax with a film screening, or take a break in the Mermaid Melody Colouring Corner and Book Nook, enjoy creative play at the Octopus Garden Interactive Space, get hands-on with the touch collection at the Cabinet of Curiosities, and immerse yourself in all the additional adventures waiting to be had at the Maritime Museum.

There's boatloads of fun to be had for the whole family, so don't miss your chance to experience the autumn school holiday program this April. Highlights include:

### Slippery Cephalopod Science Circus

Encounter clever characters and fun facts as performing artists and science communicators unlock the wonders of keystone species; from gentle giant groupers to clever cephalopods!

### Puppet-making and puppeteering

Discover your puppet making superpowers



and learn the art of puppeteering with a guest artist from Erth, the much-loved makers of theatre for young audiences in this fun filled one-day workshop.

### Storybook Making

Imagine, write, and illustrate your very own picture book inspired by the underwater stories in the museum's newest exhibitions 'Valerie Taylor' and 'Blueback'.

Learn techniques in powerful storytelling, narrative structure, and digital and hand illustration as you create your very own cher-

ished classic. Have a physical copy of your finished storybook published and sent home to keep.

### Kids on Deck

Be inspired by underwater wildlife and ocean protection superheroes as you enjoy art making and experiments with your family.

Create your own spectacular scientific illustrations, fashion a polymer clay and shell miniature sculpture or wearable creation, craft whale shark, seadragon or octopus shadow puppets, or transform recycled

materials into bubble wands. Explore the significance of keystone species as you dress up as your favourite aquatic creature.

### Cabinet of Curiosities

Explore wonderful and curious creature specimens and photographic objects in this hands-on discovery device in the galleries.

### Ocean Health Lab

The Seabin Ocean Health Lab is the first of its kind in the world, Seabin scientists analyse marine debris - from microplastics to tiny nurdles, sucked from the sea by the 30 Seabins stationed around Sydney Harbour.

### Mini Mariners Program

Explore the galleries, sing and dance in interactive tours with costumed guides. Enjoy creative free play, craft, games and story time in the themed activity area. The theme for April's mini mariners program is Under The Sea, where kids can wobble like a jellyfish, glide like a tortoise and snap like a shark as we make our way through the museum to discover the magnificent world of creatures that live under the sea.

### Sensory Friendly Sundays Access Program

Enjoy a comfortable environment for kids and adults with a variety of sensory differences.

Visit <https://www.sea.museum> for more details about the holiday program.

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## You could help change a child's life



The school holidays can be tough for many children, but you can give a child a brighter future.

Sadly, in NSW 45,000 children are unable to live with their parents due to abuse or neglect. Without a safe home, these children miss out on so much of their childhoods, and it hits hard during the holidays.

The good news is that you have an opportunity to ensure these children reach their brightest future. Barnardos is calling for people from all walks of life to become foster carers and support children to grow and thrive. Whether it is weekend care (respite

care), short-term crisis care or permanent care, you can make a difference.

Barnardos works carefully to ensure they match children to the right carers so that children can find a permanent home. Right now they are particularly seeking people to provide a short-term home to school aged siblings.

Whether you are single, married, renting, LGBTI+ or working full time, you can apply to become a carer and change a child's life. Carers get training, ongoing support and a generous allowance. Contact Barnardos at 1800 663 441 or [www.barnardos.org.au](http://www.barnardos.org.au).

## Lots of holiday joy in Penrith CBD

The April school holidays are just one week away and Penrith CBD Corp has brought together a series of local businesses to entertain the kids.

Penrith CBD Corp has reached out to local businesses to promote free and fun events being held within the two weeks, and CEO Gai Hawthorn is encouraging people to stay local.

"Have fun locally and support the people who need the support," Hawthorn said.

Hoyts will be handing out free ice cream on Tuesday, April 16.

The Log Cabin has a series of shows on offer from magic to reptiles throughout the school holidays so make sure to book a table.

Penrith PCYC is offering a range of activities for just \$45 a day where kids can enjoy laser tag, ninja warrior and a messy day, the PCYC will be open every day excluding ANZAC Day.

Henry's Bar and Grill are offering a \$25 high tea experience with an installation of 'Alice In Wonderland' for an Instagram opportunity (pictured).



"It's something that mums, nannas and kids can enjoy," Hawthorn said.

Mega Games will be open for those who want to play board games.

Narrow Escape Rooms will be running and are taking bookings now.

The school holidays will be on from Monday, April 15 and end on Friday, April 26.

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Richie is a funny, intelligent boy who loves being outdoors and going to the beach. He has an interest in Maths and anything to do with Space. We are searching for compassionate and experienced foster carers who can give Richie the right support and care he needs to help him heal from the trauma he experienced earlier in life.

If you, or anyone you know has the skills to help Richie call our Carer Enquiry Team on 1800 663 441 or email [wecare@barnardos.org.au](mailto:wecare@barnardos.org.au)



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# DINE & PLAY LOCAL

## These School Holidays



School holidays at PCYC Penrith are never boring!!

Lots of Activities for your Kids to be involved in

April School Holiday bookings are now open! Pop into the club or jump on the website to enrol today!



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[www.pycnsw.org.au/penrith/school-holidays](http://www.pycnsw.org.au/penrith/school-holidays)



Narrow Escape Rooms is the perfect school holiday activity. Work as a team to solve puzzles and complete a mission which having some amazing family time.

This is not just for the kids. Adults will have an awesome time deciphering clues and solving puzzles too!

Rooms are suitable for kids 8+ with 2-6 players in each game.



Bookings are essential

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### Give your kids something creative to do these school holidays!

With 3 different classes for children that suit multiple interests and are sure to keep those busy little people occupied. The best part? They get to bring home their own creations to show off to the family while you visit the local cafe or shops and relax knowing that they're in safe hands. Just bring along a messy play shirt, your children will bring home 4 - 6 cupcakes from their class and a whole lot of pride in the edible artwork they have created themselves!

Parents can drop off or wait in store, you are unable to stay in the classroom. All classes require enclosed shoes, please arrive 15min prior to class and keep in mind finishing times may vary.

Call us on 47229580 or [onestopcake.com.au/oscd/coursesclasses/kids-classes/](http://onestopcake.com.au/oscd/coursesclasses/kids-classes/)



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## Revel in the mystery of the night!

Discover the magic of the rainforest, glide between clifftops among the stars, feel enchanted by the darkness in an all-new immersive experience at Scenic World this school holidays.

Immerse yourself in the moment the night comes alive. Take in the star-lit Skyway as you glide between sleepy cliffs. Feel the magic as you ride the world's steepest railway - the Scenic Railway - and the steepest cable car in the Southern Hemisphere - the Scenic Cableway - as dusk settles across the Blue Mountains.

Walk through a field of flowers, meander beneath light trees, and discover hidden creatures as you experience the wonders of the rainforest and explore our LUNA Light Journey\* - a first for the Blue Mountains and Scenic World.

Kids will have their very own Nocturnal quest to find clues along the Nocturnal journey and discover the Gundungurra story of creation! The child ticket includes everything they need to

unlock the clues: a spy pen, quest sheet and their very own Nocturnal Bandana.

Nocturnal is an immersive, sensory and interactive experience. Discover light installations and holograms that illuminate parts of Scenic World and will leave you feeling enchanted by the darkness.

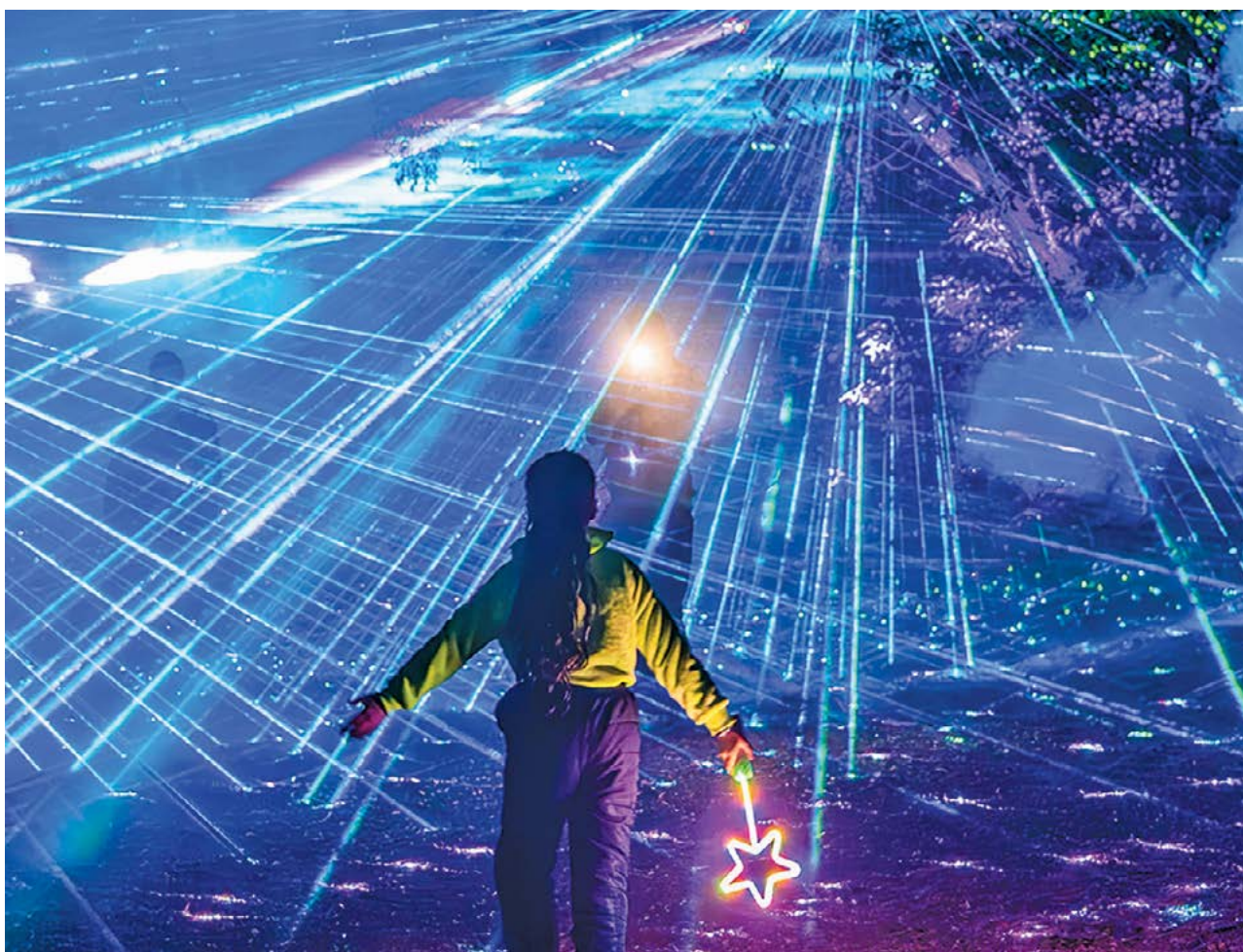
This is the first time all Scenic World rides - Scenic Skyway, Railway, and Cableway - will be open at night! Nocturnal is a must-do experience for adults and kids alike.

Nocturnal runs from April 5 to May 4 2024 on select nights only, including every night in the school holidays.

Tickets include all Scenic World rides after dark and the 10-minute rainforest boardwalk. Tickets start from \$55 for adults and \$40.60 for kids. Kids under three are free!

Book your spot now so not to miss out! Visit [www.scenicworld.com.au](http://www.scenicworld.com.au)

*\*LASERVISION's immersive and magical LUNA Light Journeys span Australia, popping-up in expected and unexpected towns and cities.*



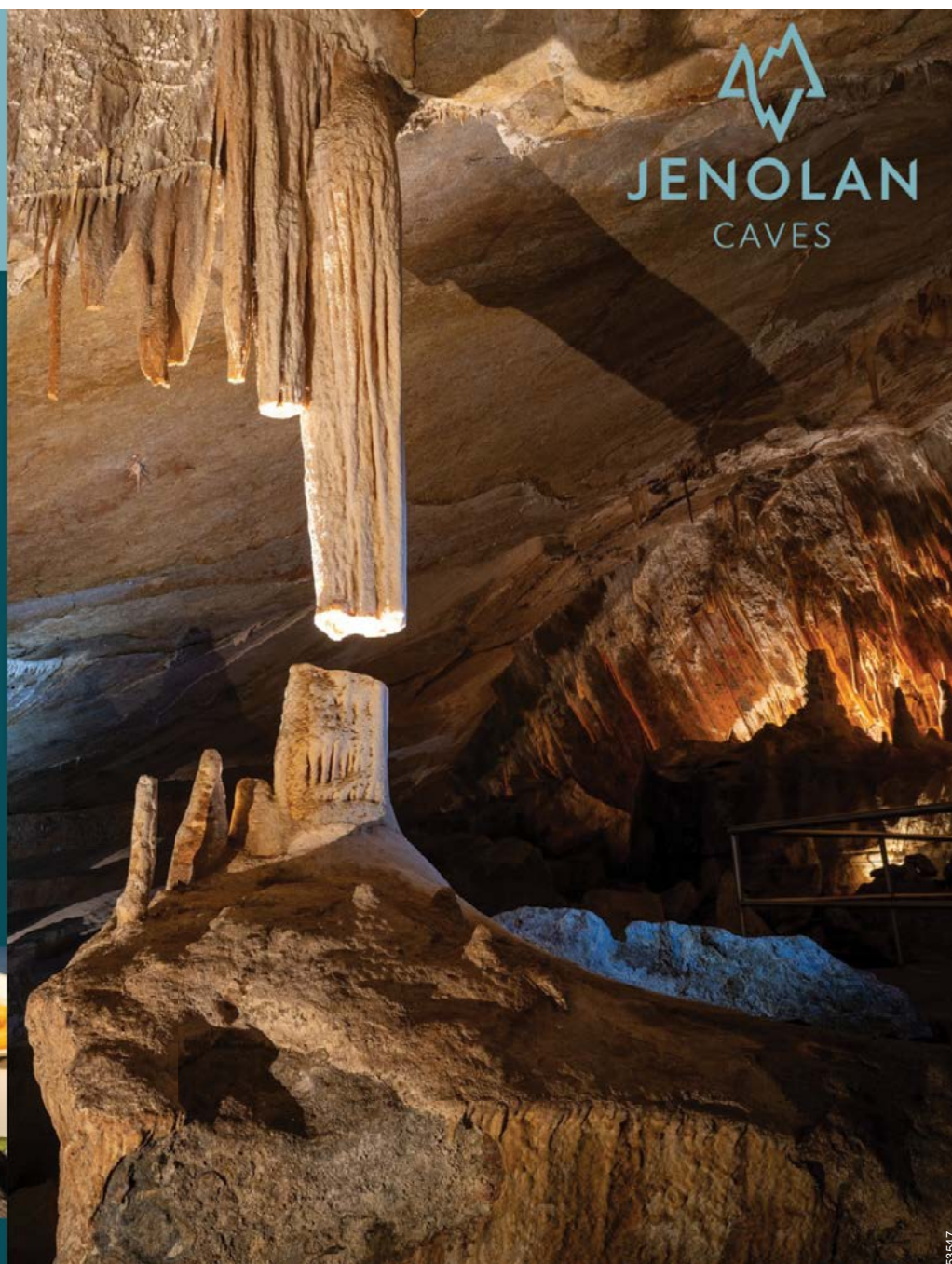
## EXPLORE AN UNDERGROUND WORLD THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

With many caves to explore, experience the awe and wonder of the crystal formations, with every cave offering something unique including the breathtaking underground river.

Extend your visit with an overnight stay at our newly renovated Mountain Lodge, which is perfect for families. Breakfast and dinner is included in your stay, with an onsite cafe available to purchase from in between exploring.

### BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Bookings for accommodation and cave tours visit: [www.jenolancaves.org.au](http://www.jenolancaves.org.au) or call 1300 763 311





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## The perfect adventure for the family



Just three hours from Sydney, Jenolan Caves is the perfect destination for a family adventure.

Discover a "world of its own" with above and below ground activities including guided cave tours, bushwalks, a bite to eat at Caves Cafe and accommodation in the newly renovated Mountain Lodge, which is perfect for families.

Guided cave tours range between one hour and 2.5 hours, offering a unique experience of a lifetime that will have you returning time and time again.

To experience all of Jenolan Caves, stay at their newly renovated Mountain Lodge with family rooms available.

Accommodation is available Thursday to Saturday nights.

Open 8.30am - 4.30pm daily, pre-bookings are essential for your visit. Check the website for availability and to book your tickets and accommodation at [www.jenolancaves.org.au](http://www.jenolancaves.org.au) or by calling 1300 763 311.

Access to Jenolan Caves has changed but you can still visit! Access is via Edith Road only (on Jenolan Caves Road, there is a 30-minute detour to Edith Road via Duckmaloi Road). 3km before Jenolan, there is a Transport for NSW traffic escort vehicle (running approximately every 20min) which will take you into the car park.

Roadworks are currently happening on Jenolan Caves Road at Hampton with some days seeing full closures, resulting in a detour to Jenolan Caves. Please check [www.livetraffic.com](http://www.livetraffic.com) to plan your trip accordingly.

## Mercure is the perfect holiday base

If you want to discover a stylish, relaxing, and affordable gateway to western Sydney these upcoming school holidays, make Mercure Penrith your home away from home.

Located at the foot of the Blue Mountains and adjacent to Panthers Penrith World of Entertainment, Mercure Penrith is the premier choice of hotels in Penrith for family holidays and weekend getaways.

Each of Mercure Penrith's 222 accommodation rooms have been designed to be the perfect urban oasis, with plenty of amenities on the property - including a gym, outdoor pool, BBQ area and in-room Wi-Fi - to make your stay as convenient and comfortable as possible.

As a guest of the hotel, you'll be close to all of Penrith's top attractions, shopping outlets and restaurants. Soak up the vibrant arts

scene at nearby museums and art galleries. Experience the beauty of the Nepean Gorge from the deck of the Nepean Belle Paddlewheeler. Picnic by the Nepean River or hike miles of unspoiled bushland and national parks. Visit Cables Wake Park or iFly Downunder Skydiving - some of the most exhilarating experiences imaginable are just metres from Mercure Penrith.

Just next door, Panthers Penrith offers 11 restaurants, six bars and a diverse range of family-friendly activities on 83 hectares of landscaped grounds.

These are just a handful of the breathtaking experiences you and your family can partake in during your upcoming visit to Mercure Penrith.

For more information, the latest special offers, and to book your stay, visit [www.mercurepenrith.com.au](http://www.mercurepenrith.com.au).



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