

Video Conferencing with Schools

History SA



The Virtual Classroom

Museums are using the high-bandwidth capabilities enabled by the NBN to develop new models and programs for delivering interactive experiences in classrooms using museum-based content. History South Australia is implementing a new video conferencing program in Willunga, one of the first NBN test sites, in partnership with the South Australian Department of Children's and Education Services (DECS), the National Trust museum and the local primary school.

Interactive, high-definition, video conferencing sessions will be conducted on site in the historic classroom building (built in 1862) with students across the State and nation, taking them back in time, as it were, to an authentic historic site and providing live interactions with performers, educators and historians.

New video conferencing programs from the South Australian Maritime Museum and Migration Museum will make it possible for students to experience the sea journey made by the early Australian colonists (following on from the successful *Bound for South Australia* website) and to re-live the experience of life in Adelaide's Destitute Asylum in the mid nineteenth century, all without leaving their classrooms.

These pilot programs will demonstrate the potential of NBN to reinvent and complement the traditional museum school visit and to extend access to it across the nation.

See: www.boundforsouthaustralia.net.au<<http://www.boundforsouthaustralia.net.au>

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