

## Galloping through history: Caulfield Racecourse

**Level:** Foundation–2

**Curriculum focus:** *Historical Knowledge & Understanding*  
*Community histories*  
The history of a local historical site of social, cultural or spiritual significance and how it has changed over time [VC2HH2K05](#)

*Historical Concepts & Skills*  
*Historical significance*  
Identify the significance of an individual, event and/or place  
[VC2HH2S07](#)

**Learning outcome:** Students understand the significance of Caulfield Racecourse to people in the past and present, including Traditional Owners.

**What's included:**

- Activities
- Discussion questions
- Further Resources

## Activities

### Activity one

Watch the video [Gallop through history: Caulfield Racecourse](#)  
Pause and discuss the video as needed.

### Discussion questions

- What did Caulfield Racecourse look like in the past?
- Why is Caulfield Racecourse important to people today? What do people use it for?
- Why is Caulfield Racecourse important to Traditional Owners?
- Ask students to reflect on a place that is special to them.  
It could be somewhere they go for an activity; the house of a relative or friend; a religious place like a synagogue or church; a holiday destination; a park; or even their home or school.
- Ask students why this place is special to them. What happens there? How does it make them feel? Is it special to other people?

## Activity two

Make a poster of your special place.

You can put in:

- A drawing of your special place.
- Words to describe your special place (for example: (for example: big, small, green, calm, noisy, empty, crowded, beautiful, old, new, exciting, happy, warm or cold).
- What happens at your special place?
- Is it special to other people? Who?
- How does the place make you feel? (for example: happy, excited or playful).

## Teacher resources

### Visit

#### Map of historic sites in the City of Glen Eira

This [map](#) shows primary schools in the City of Glen Eira along with monuments, museums, historical societies, plaques, memorials, public art, historic buildings, and sites that commemorate First Nations history. Visit our [Self-guided Walking Tours page](#) for more information and resources.



### Watch

Glen Eira City Council (2019) [Welcome to Country with Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2019) [Parbin-ata Carolyn Briggs AM shares the story of the possum cloak](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2022) [Alicia Cerreto - in conversation with Glen Eira Historical Society](#)

Melbourne Racing Club (2024) [Melbourne Racing Club](#)

### Learn

ABC (2014) [Caulfield Cup: A history of Australia's premier 2,400m handicap](#)

City of Moorabbin Historical Society (2024) [City of Moorabbin Historical Society \(Box Cottage\) Collection](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2024) [History of Our Council](#)

Glen Eira City Council (2024) [Glen Eira City Council History and Heritage Collection](#)

Glen Eira Historical Society (2024) [Glen Eira Historical Society Collection](#)

Melbourne Racing Club (2024) [Melbourne Racing Club History](#)

National Trust Rippon Lea Estate (2023) [Meet the Underground River](#)