**HAMBLEDON COTTAGE, PARRAMATTA**

**STAGE 2 PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

Our Stage 2 education program *First Contacts* shows the similarities and differences between Aboriginal and early European lifestyles.

The program can cater for up to 60 students per session, that is 120 per day.

Each student will have fully interactive involvement in the program.

A brief description of the focus in each of the rooms:

* WITHDRAWING ROOM – Housing, musical instruments, crafts & heating – props include didgeridoo, clapping sticks, string dilly bag and images
* DINING ROOM – Hunting food, drink, candlelight or campfire – props include hunting boomerang, woomera, tea leaves and images, as well as experiencing living with 3 candles lit in a dark room
* BEDROOM – Sleeping, washing, toiletry & clothing – props include wash basins, chamberpots, body decoration and wearing colonial clothing & kangaroo skin, as well as images
* STUDY – Transportation – how each lifestyle moved around on land and water
* KITCHEN – Cooking – props mainly European and images
* GALLERY – Writing & recording stories & communications – props include slateboards to use for writing alphabetic letters as well as signs & symbols, message stick and images
* EXHIBITION – Toys & playthings
* WELL & DRIPSTONE – Water and its sources
* OUTSIDE – An activity sheet to complete to test their understanding of what they have remembered from the program

The program takes about 90 minutes