Alexander the Great coming to Sydney

The Australian Museum is currently preparing for the 24th November opening of Alexander the Great: 2000 Years of Treasures, the largest collection of treasures ever to come to Australia from the world famous State Hermitage in St Petersburg, Russia. It includes over 400 objects from classical antiquity through to the modern age. This will be only the second time that the collection has left Russia.

“We are immersed in all things Alexander at the moment, so it is important that we celebrate his milestones,” says Elizabeth Cowell, the exhibition’s Project Manager.

“The birth of Alexander changed the world. His life was short but changed the course of history. He was a leader whose tactics are still studied and taught today, and he also had a fascinating and powerful effect on the art and culture right across his massive empire.”

Bookings for education groups are essential. Self-guided programs incur no additional charge above the general museum entry charge per student of $6.00. Education programs led by a Museum educator incur a charge of $4.40 (incl GST) per student for each one-hour session.

A teachers’ preview night will be held on Wednesday 28th November 2012.

HSC Enrichment Study Days on 19th and 20th February 2013 will give senior students a detailed look at the exhibition.

http://australianmuseum.net.au/Booking-an-education-group
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Vic students learn about food wastage in Schools in the Kitchen program

Melbourne food rescue charity FareShare, is calling on Victorian high school students to join the fight against local hunger… while learning kitchen skills and important lessons along the way.

Schools in the Kitchen is a youth education and volunteer program exposing students to the social and environmental impacts of food wastage in a positive and interactive learning environment. The program offers high school groups the opportunity to spend half a day in a commercial kitchen working in teams to prepare meals from rescued food.

Working with Melbourne businesses to collect surplus produce otherwise headed for landfill, FareShare volunteers use rescued food to prepare free, nutritious meals distributed by welfare agencies to those in need. This year, FareShare will rescue more than 600,000 kg of edible food, from which volunteers will prepare over half a million cooked meals for Victorian families.

The program provides teachers with the opportunity to engage and assess students outside the classroom and can be incorporated as an extension of the school syllabus including social studies, health and environmental studies, home economics and community service.

FareShare Vice President, Sandy Dudakov explains: “Our focus is on education and teaching students about community food issues and building an understanding that food poverty, hunger and malnutrition are not exclusive to developing nations. The lessons they learn are as real as the contribution they make.”

Bayside College VET teacher Chris Backman says the session helped her students understand that there is a hidden population in Melbourne of people who experience food insecurity. “We wanted the students to realise that there are a lot of people out there that aren’t as well off as they may be. The students loved it, and really felt as if they were doing something worthwhile.”

Schools in the Kitchen caters for two groups per week at FareShare’s partner kitchen at the South Melbourne Town Hall. Term 3 and 4 vacancies are available for high school groups of up to 20 students.

For information about the program or to arrange a student volunteer group session contact Sandy Dudakov.

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