

An excursion to Central Deborah Gold Mine and Bendigo Tramways provides students with an opportunity to explore our unique heritage sites. The safety of your group is paramount and key to enjoying a fantastic experience. Let's prepare for a fun, but safe, adventure!

ALL BHA SITES	
Strict <b>safety regulations</b> are at the core of our operations.	Rest assured knowing that our trams, underground workings, infrastructure and equipment is routinely checked and audited, meets safety requirements and complies with the relevant safety legislation.
<b>Public Liability</b> , we're covered.	Our sites fall under the City of Greater Bendigo's Public Liability Insurance Policy.
BHA is committed to providing a <b>safe environment for all children</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Our visitor facing staff all have working with children checks.</li> <li>• All BHA staff are trained to understand and implement our Child Safety Policy.</li> </ul>
If an <b>emergency</b> occurs, follow our lead!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Central Deborah Gold Mine and Bendigo Tramways both have fully documented emergency management plans which our staff are trained to implement.</li> <li>• Each group will have a dedicated Tour Guide or Tram Driver. In the case of an emergency, follow their directions, and those of BHA staff members, closely.</li> </ul>
CENTRAL DEBORAH GOLD MINE	
This is an authentic gold mine, you'll be walking through puddles and across rough, <b>uneven surfaces</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flat, enclosed footwear is essential. Thongs, sandals or high heels aren't suitable for this experience, a limited supply of gumboots are available if adequate footwear is not worn.</li> <li>• Pathways are provided and access-ways are maintained by our groundskeeping team.</li> </ul>
Like all good adventures, there are a few mandatory requirements that need to be met to ensure we are all safe whilst <b>underground</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All visitors will enjoy watching a 5 minute safety induction video before descending underground, it's fun, we promise!</li> <li>• Everyone will be supplied with the ultimate mining accessory, a helmet. Helmets need to be securely fitted and worn at all times whilst underground.</li> <li>• The only way to descend underground, is to be accompanied by a Tour Guide. Keep your Tour Guide within sight and follow their instructions closely.</li> <li>• For every 20 students descending underground, one teacher is required to join the tour and actively supervise the students.</li> </ul>
A <b>creek</b> runs through the surface of the mine, representing the discovery of alluvial gold and the beginning of Bendigo's gold rush.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Admire the creek from its banks and become enthralled by the story it represents, but do not enter the creek.</li> <li>• Signage has been erected to ensure visitors do not enter the creek.</li> <li>• Students need to be actively supervised by teachers, as outlined in the Code of Conduct.</li> </ul>
Some areas of the mine have been barricaded off and are <b>not accessible to the public</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fences, barriers and signage indicate areas which are out-of-bounds.</li> <li>• Tour Guides will outline the safety expectations of the site at the beginning of a tour.</li> <li>• Students need to be actively supervised by teachers, as outlined in the Code of Conduct.</li> </ul>
BENDIGO TRAMWAYS	
Our trams date back to the 1900s and are all different shapes, sizes and configurations. <b>Watch your step</b> when navigating the tram.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Your Tram Driver and/or Tram Conductor will assist passengers as they board and disembark the tram.</li> <li>• Tram step heights vary from tram to tram. Please take your time when boarding and disembarking from the tram.</li> <li>• Ramp access is available at certain tram stops with advanced notice.</li> </ul>
To explore Bendigo's extraordinary sites, your tram will <b>drive through Bendigo's CBD in the centre of traffic</b> .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated tram stops are used to board and disembark each tram.</li> <li>• Tram Drivers are qualified, licensed and trained to implement our emergency management plan, follow their instructions closely.</li> <li>• Before departure, your Tram Driver will give a safety brief to all passengers.</li> <li>• Trams are driven at slow speeds (below 35km/h).</li> <li>• When the tram is in motion, remain seated. Sit back, relax and enjoy the scenery!</li> <li>• Passengers must stay within the confines of the tram at all times.</li> <li>• Students need to be actively supervised by teachers, as outlined in the Code of Conduct.</li> </ul>