The Legislative Assembly has introduced a tour focused on the architectural history and design of Victoria’s Parliament House. The tour is designed to cater for students and classes studying Architecture or Design, or for members of the public with an interest in architecture and historically significant buildings.
Victoria’s Parliament House is one of Australia’s oldest and most striking buildings. It is a classic in the Roman revival style.

Commissioned by the State government, Parliament House was a chance to exhibit the wealth Victoria had accumulated from its gold and wool exports.

Designed by architect Peter Kerr, plans for Parliament House were drawn in November 1855, but the building has never been completed. The first stages of the building’s construction were the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council chambers, built in 1856, with various parts of the building added over time. No major building works have been completed since 1930.

Despite being unfinished, Parliament House contains a number of remarkable highlights such as the Legislative Council and Legislative Assembly Chambers, Queen’s Hall and the Vestibule. It is one of Melbourne’s most architecturally significant buildings.

Tour times

The Parliament House architecture tour is offered at 2:00pm on the last Friday of each month. If the last Friday falls during a week when Parliament is sitting, the tour will be offered the week before. Members of the public or groups that wish to attend must book in advance. Schools or tertiary classes that would like to attend may be able to make bookings at other times to fit their schedules.

Your visit will last about 90 minutes and includes a short presentation and a tour of Parliament House. You will see parts of the building not normally accessible to the public.

Groups are asked to arrive 10 minutes before the tour start time, to allow for security screening processes. Entry is from the main building entrance on Spring Street. Disabled access is via the rear courtyard entrance on Macarthur Street.

Cameras are permitted on all tours.

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