



The Elms | Te Papa's
Schools' Programme



Set in the heart of Tauranga, The Elms | Te Papa is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's oldest heritage sites.

As a place of early contact between Māori and Pākehā, the site is layered with hundreds of years of history that remains at the centre of Tauranga's identity today.



The Elms | Te Papa has been hosting school groups since the 1920s.

Today we offer a rich and engaging experience for schools around Aotearoa New Zealand, with multiple opportunities for hands on learning.



When standing on the cliff face looking out towards Mauao students can visualise the scene in 1848, observe the scene before them and dream of the future



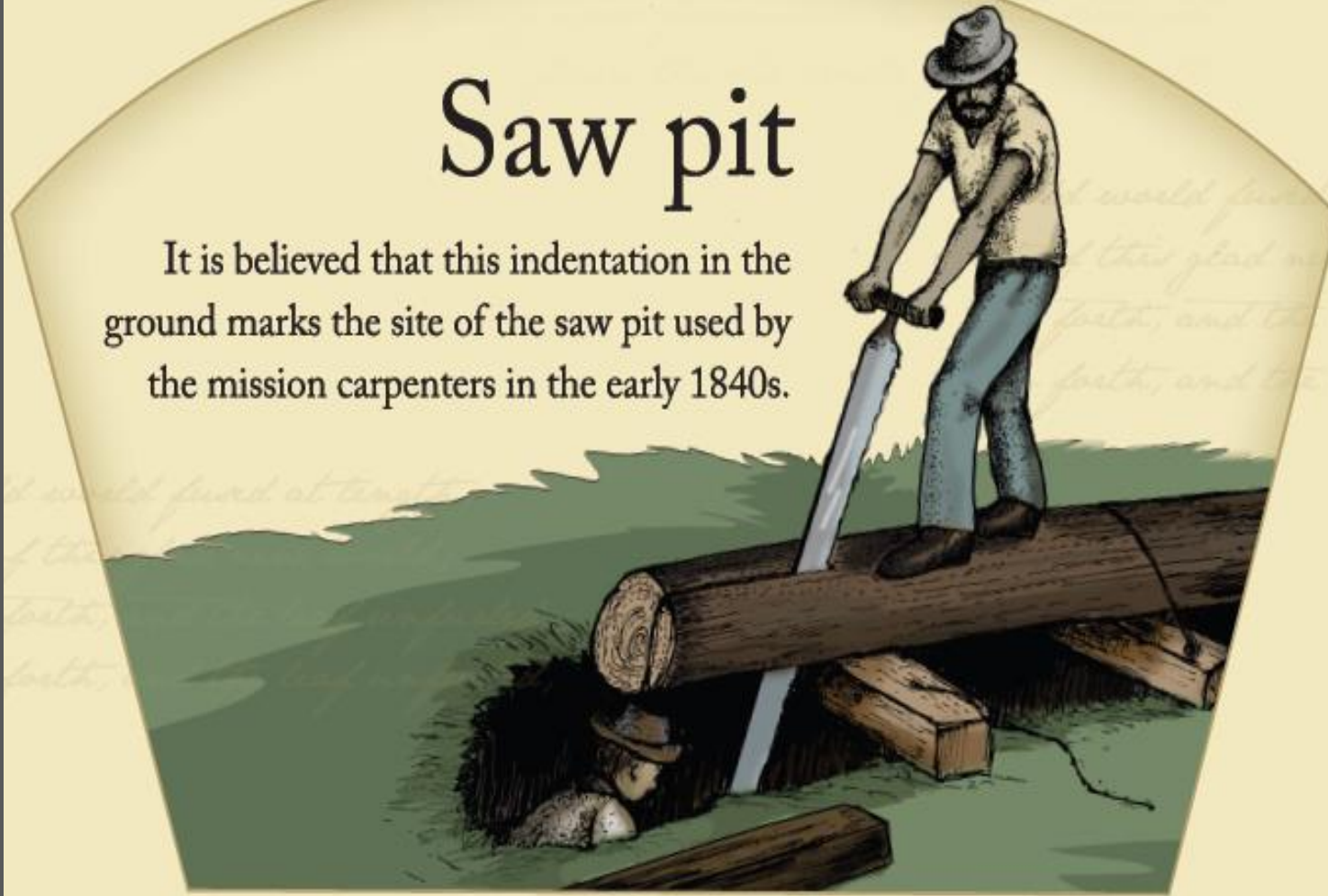
This Coach House dates from the late 1800s and contains a treasure trove of objects – students find and explain old technology, such as a wooden wall telephone, a coach light and a primus.



Standing on the front lawn we will talk about the construction of the whare and life at Te Papa in the 1840's and 50's.

Saw pit

It is believed that this indentation in the ground marks the site of the saw pit used by the mission carpenters in the early 1840s.



The guides will tell the story of the kauri house construction and the disastrous 1845 fire.



New Zealand's oldest oak. Guides will tell the poignant story of Alfred and Charlotte Brown's son Marsh.





Archdeacon Brown's Library, the oldest building on the site. Here is a room full of taonga and many stories. In here you will hear about writing in the 1800s.



Hear what life was like for young people in the 1800s.

Try our games of the 1800s to understand how children entertained themselves.





The contents of this room includes some of our most valuable taonga and always fascinates our students.



There are many stories to be told within this 876 piece masterpiece in the bedroom of the house.



Our new Heritage whare and garden, with its lovely carvings and plantings, acknowledges mana whenua, Ngāi Tamarāwaho and Ngāti Tapu. Many students will appreciate the symbolism of this garden.



Food is a popular topic, and yes, we grow it here at The Elms.



Some students enjoy nibbling Captain Cook's native spinach.



We'll have a ring of this bell
and hear of it's travels.



Looking upwards,
students are in awe of this
tree.

The Elms' Norfolk Pines,
the Archdeacon's
Sentinels, have their own
stories.



This native tree walk contains a number of medicinal plants. Karaka is of particular interest.