

Sovereign Hill

Dear Mum,

1st Nov - 3rd Nov 2017

For the next three days I will be stepping into the shoes of a young Australian child during the Gold Rush at Sovereign Hill, Ballarat.

This morning, my pop went out to the alluvial gold panning for the very first time. Occasionally, I can visit uncle John at the candle making and give a helping hand. Uncle John lives with us and the candle making gives us a few extra pennies.

After a rough night sleeping in the shack, I can hear the first license hunt. Luckily my father wasn't panning but helping Uncle John in his store.

That night was scary. The Red Coats had beaten a miner to death. I woke up with a fright. The miners were so angry that they raised a new flag (Southern Cross Flag) and burned their licences. Due to the outrage, the Gold Commissioner ordered an attack on the camps.

Love from your ever faithful son,
Andy xx

The attack was named the Eureka Stockade and now there's a sound and light show recreating the battle. I learnt so many new things at Sovereign Hill and I recommend it to all ages.