

## **Australia: England Transposed**

This course looks at the Colonial years of Australia from the establishment of a Penal Settlement in 1788 through to the end of the C19th. Students are taken through the early years of transformation from prison to free settlement. The course looks at how established British models were applied to Government, Law, Education and the Church to establish the framework of a new Society. The course then focuses on the educated, landed and moneyed classes and notes the extent to which they imported English models of class, manners, dress, domestic arrangements, traditions, and concepts of 'Home'. Students also look at Colonial architecture, both public buildings designed by architects who had never set foot on Australian soil, as well as examples of private houses based on safe English models. Finally the course looks at how Australian domestic taste was dominated by English fashions, including paintings, furniture and decorative arts.