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FREE-ENTRY FUN AWAITS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Families are encouraged to take advantage of free general admission to cultural institutions across New South Wales these school holidays, starting today.

The NSW Government is investing \$5.9 million to support free and discounted entry for the next 12 months to 12 Sydney Living Museums properties, and free entry to the Australian Museum.

This complements existing free general admission to the Art Gallery of NSW, Powerhouse Museum and the State Library of NSW.

Minister for the Arts Ben Franklin said free entry is part of the NSW Government's commitment to making enriching arts and creative experiences more accessible for families.

"We know it's been a tough couple of years through the pandemic and keeping the kids entertained over the school holidays can be expensive, so we are delighted to deliver free-entry and discount a range of special experiences from today," Mr Franklin said.

"From Sydney to Nowra, many fascinating arts and cultural experiences await families across the state these school holidays. Instead of paying up to \$38 for a family pass to visit most of these places, most can now be explored for free!

"Kids can put their science and cultural knowledge to the test with a visit to the Australian Museum and be amongst the first to discover the museum's newest addition, *Burra*, a permanent learning and play space, or experience the multi-sensory digital installation *Walking through a Songline* at the Museum of Sydney," Mr Franklin said.

"There is something to delight, educate and captivate people of all ages.

"We want everyone to be able to get out and about these winter holidays and enjoy the many wonderful exhibitions, tours and displays Australia's largest arts and cultural institutions have to offer."

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