



Katherine Mansfield House & Garden is a writer's museum and Category 1 Historic Place in the inner-city suburb of Thorndon. It is the birthplace of Katherine Mansfield (1888-1923), one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most internationally acclaimed writers, best known for her short stories.

KMHG offers a glimpse into the home of a fashionable colonial family and what life was like for Mansfield as a young girl in Wellington.

Education visits to KMHG

Katherine Mansfield House & Garden offers a selection of focused educational visits for school groups of all levels linked to New Zealand curriculum outcomes in Social Sciences, English and the Arts. Our visits use active learning and enquiry approaches to encourage students to question and explore. More than a simple tour, a focused visit to Katherine Mansfield House & Garden is an opportunity to experience New Zealand history and learn through active discovery. Your visit can be tailored to your students' year level and area of study.

Creative writing

Classes can experience our colonial Wellington house as an inspiration for writing, using characters and descriptions from Mansfield's stories to write their own short fictional pieces. Students explore the house and are guided through the writing process by our team.

History

Katherine Mansfield's family lived at the house during a turbulent time in Wellington's and New Zealand's history. Visiting classes can learn about day-to-day life in the house during the 1890s, set against the wider history of Wellington and New Zealand. Thorndon is one of New Zealand's oldest suburbs and prior to colonisation was home to Pipitea Pā and other sites of importance to tangata whenua.

Drama

Our drama-based visit immerses students in the stories Mansfield wrote about the house and the historical context of the house itself. Students create their own guided tours in role as characters or recreate scenarios from Mansfield's stories.

As a general guideline we suggest the following times for education groups, but we can tailor visits to your requirements.

- 45 minutes: Explore the house and participate in a short introductory activity
- 1.5 hours: Explore the house and participate in one active learning session
- 2.5 hours: Explore the house and participate in two active learning sessions

Katherine Mansfield House & Garden is a short, easy walk from other sites with education offerings such as Parliament, the National Library (home to the Treaty of Waitangi and the women's suffrage petition) and Old St Paul's. This makes it possible to visit multiple sites during a full or half day trip.

Contact Us

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Education Group Prices

Students: \$5
Teachers and accompanying adults: Free