

MEDIA RELEASE

## SPRING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT THE MUSEUM OF APPLIED ARTS AND SCIENCES

Kids and their families can use their powers of deduction and observation these school holidays with a host of events across the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS) venues; the Powerhouse Museum, Sydney Observatory and the Museums Discovery Centre (MDC). This is the last chance to see ***The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes*** exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum, closing 8 October. Join fellow junior detectives to track down Sherlock Holmes, missing somewhere in the Powerhouse Museum. Channel your inner Sherlock and Watson as you piece together clues and evidence to uncover the secrets of the universe at Sydney Observatory and join a sleuthing team at Museums Discovery Centre, Castle Hill.

### Powerhouse Museum

**Hall of Mysteries and Detective Photo Booth** 23 September – 8 October, 10am – 5pm daily, free, Ages 5+  
Follow your journey through the world of Sherlock Holmes with a visit to the Hall of Mysteries. Kids can try out their newly acquired super sleuthing skills to solve the mystery of the missing detective. Along the way unexpected secrets will be revealed and museum objects discovered. Graduate as a MAAS Junior Detective at the close of the case.

### Sydney Observatory

**Extravaganza!** 4 October, 10.30am – 1:30pm, Children \$15, Member child: \$13, Ages 4+  
Join Sydney Observatory astronomers for a day of space investigation and exploration. Solve space mysteries using your critical eye and see things the naked eye can't by peering into telescopes and binoculars under the guidance of Observatory sky guides.

### Museums Discovery Centre

**CSI: Forensic Science** 26, 27 September and 4, 5 October, \$22, Ages 7 – 10  
Budding forensic scientists will team together with experts from Fizzics Education to investigate crimes. Learn the essential skills of fingerprinting, fibre and DNA analysis, blood typing and computerised facial reconstruction.

**Junior Detectives: Museum Improbable!** 25, 28 September and 2, 3 October, \$22, Ages 7 – 10  
Solve a museum mystery using your detective skills. Follow the clues throughout the museum, tinker with detective gadgets, uncover secret messages hidden in the collection and solve the mystery with your sleuthing teammates.

For more digital workshops and free school holidays activities please visit [www.maas.museum](http://www.maas.museum)

### The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes

Until 8 October, 2017

Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo

[maas.museum/event/the-international-exhibition-of-sherlock-holmes/](http://maas.museum/event/the-international-exhibition-of-sherlock-holmes/)

Tickets via ticketek.com General admission for adults is \$27 / Concession \$25 / Children \$16 / Family Pass \$65

*The International Exhibition of Sherlock Holmes* exhibition images available here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/r1dxv8cahr7h8t9/AADCShR1I2A0ap4HUiOR7VLa?dl=0>

School holidays images available here:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/jy9sqdsj9e17bxh/AABFM7ukDVqrKU9Katr1URsa?dl=0>

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**About the Museum of Arts and Applied Sciences.** Powerhouse Museum, alongside Sydney Observatory and Museums Discovery Centre, is part of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (MAAS), Australia's contemporary museum for excellence and innovation in applied arts and sciences. MAAS has a vast and diverse collection of over 500,000 objects.