

## MEDIA RELEASE

# Kids reign in the winter school holidays at Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences

Rug up in style during the winter school holidays as the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences revels in 300 years of fashion, delves into the design process and climbs Observatory Hill to celebrate the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sydney Observatory.

### Powerhouse Museum

Create your own kid couture these school holidays in celebration of the Powerhouse Museum's newest exhibition, *Reigning Men: Fashion in Menswear 1715 – 2015*, from the Los Angeles County Museum of Art. With over 130 outfits, spanning 300 years of fashion history there is plenty of inspiration to draw from in designing your own wearable art. From sketching to pattern making and working with figure mannequins, visitors to the Tinkering Hall will have a hands-on experience of the fashion industry. For children under five a tactile texture zone will entertain and delight.

### Museums Discovery Centre

Design and make using the collections of three museums as inspiration. Museums Discovery Centre is home to millions of objects from the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences, Australian Museum and Sydney Living Museums. Inventive kids can draw inspiration from anything from bicycles to beetle wings and historic ceiling roses. Work with clay, sewing machines and millinery magic based on the people, places and technology within the Museums Discovery Centre stores.

### Sydney Observatory

Budding scientists and astronomy enthusiasts can learn about the history of Sydney Observatory these school holidays to mark the 160<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Australia's oldest operating observatory. Since June 1858 Sydney Observatory has set the time for ships in Sydney harbour, charted the night sky and been Sydney's favourite location for star gazing through telescopes old and new. Create your own woven star constellation, make your own sun dial, explore how to record weather and learn about the cosmos with free activities running daily across the school holidays.

### POWERHOUSE MUSEUM

**What:** *Reigning Men: Fashion in Menswear 1715 – 2015*  
**When:** 2 May – 14 October 2018  
**Where:** Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007  
**Price:** \$20 Adult \$13 Concession (inc general admission) Members and Children 16 and under free  
**Website:** [maas.museum/event/reigning-men-fashion-in-menswear-1715-2015/](http://maas.museum/event/reigning-men-fashion-in-menswear-1715-2015/)

**What:** **Kid Couture**  
**When:** 10am – 5pm Daily, 7 – 22 July  
**Where:** Powerhouse Museum, 500 Harris Street, Ultimo NSW 2007  
**Price:** Free with general admission  
**Website:** <https://ma.as/schoolholidaysphm>

### SYDNEY OBSERVATORY

**What:** **Observatory Maker**  
**When:** 10:30am – 1:30pm Daily, 9 – 22 July  
**Where:** Sydney Observatory, Upper Fort Street, Millers Point, Sydney  
**Price:** Free  
**Website:** <https://ma.as/schoolholidaysobs>

## MUSEUMS DISCOVERY CENTRE

**What:** Design and Make  
**When:** 10am - 3pm Daily, 9 – 22 July  
**Where:** Museums Discovery Centre, 172 Showground Road, Castle Hill  
**Price:** Free with general admission to Museums Discovery Centre  
**Website** <https://ma.as/schoolholidaysmdc>

### Photography assets:

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### **About *Reigning Men: Fashion in Menswear 1715 – 2015***

Presented by the MAAS Centre for Fashion, the exhibition features over 130 outfits ranging from extravagant silks worn by 18th century aristocrats to the flawless tailoring of 19th century dandies to renowned fashion brands including Tom Ford, Raf Simons, Gucci, Alexander McQueen, Craig Green, Burberry, Vivienne Westwood, Comme des Garçons, Giorgio Armani, Jean Paul Gaultier, Dries Van Noten, Louis Vuitton and Yves Saint Laurent.

### **About the Museum of Arts and Applied Sciences**

Powerhouse Museum, alongside Sydney Observatory and 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. The Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences founded in 1879 has a vast and diverse collection of over 500,000 objects.