Shadowers of History
Commonwealth History Project
Melbourne Girl’s Grammar
Russell St, Justice Museum
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As part of a Government initiative through the Department of Education and Training, the 'Shadowers of History Project' was designed to offer teachers of History the opportunity to experience various organisations that provide history-related programs.

I undertook to visit the Justice Museum which is part of the Old Melbourne Gaol. It is under the auspices of the National Trust of Victoria and offers a range of activities and experiences for students of History, Legal Studies and even Ethics.

I observed two schools, Sandringham Secondary College and St Margaret's Berwick, visit the Old Melbourne Courthouse. The Courthouse remained in operation until as recently as 15 years ago.

The students re-enacted an actual criminal case with costumes and a script. The particular case concerned a young man charged with culpable driving. Students were asked to decide whether he warranted an adult conviction, time served in a Youth Training Centre or a suspended sentence.

I will return to the Justice Museum at some point in the future to observe the Elizabeth Scott case, the first woman hanged in Victoria.