

## **Point Puer boys' daily routine**

The working day of 7½ hours began at 5 am and general labouring work was undertaken such as hoeing and carting wood, and trade training, school work and religious instruction including prayers which began and ended the day. Trades included carpentry, sawing, tailoring, stone cutting, shoemaking, baking and cooking for a small group, nail making and blacksmithing, boatbuilding and gardening. The daily routine was divided into four main areas: education; moral and religious training; labour and trade training; and discipline.

(Source: MacFie, P (1985). *The Point Puer lads and their prison, 1833-1849*. In Handbook for the Point Puer Database, 'The Point Puer Lads', Bathurst, N.S.W. : Mitchell College of Advanced Educations, pp. 14-15)