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GRADE SIX CANBERRA TOUR 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians,

After many years of fantastic Canberra tours, we are delighted to announce that we will be embarking on this tour again in 2019 with our grade 6 students.

Why Canberra?

The National Capital Tour to Canberra offers a unique opportunity for all Australians to observe first hand Australia's parliamentary system and to engage in our cultural heritage. Through our national institutions, we will experience programs and exhibitions that explore Australia's democracy, values, unity and achievements. During this tour the grade 6 students will be engaged in a **unit of inquiry** exploring government systems around the world, democracy and law making which will link in **directly** with the Canberra tour.

***In 2019, the grade 6 Tour will depart on
Monday 17th of June, returning Friday 21st of June. (Term 2)***

To assist parents with the costing of this camp the grade six department is taking deposits and payments from now. The cost for this camp will be directly linked to the number of students attending. Please be aware that we have a **capped number of 120 students** who can attend, and a waiting list will be created.

Estimated Tour price: \$650.00* per student (for 5 days, 4 nights accommodation, all experiences, all travel, and all food). This price is only an estimation as there may be price increases in 2019. We will confirm final costings at the beginning of the 2019 school year.

** Based on 120 students, price may change slightly, depending on student numbers after the deposit deadline, we will inform parents as soon as possible.*

The price includes coach travel to and from Canberra, accommodation for 4 nights at Leumeah Lodge, Canberra, all meals from dinner Monday night to lunch Friday (including snacks) and entry into all of the attractions in the itinerary, including a night at Canberra Indoor Rock Climbing! Due to coach availability and our accommodation allocation, final numbers will need to be submitted on Monday 4th March to G.E.T tours.

To secure a place for our camp to Canberra, we are asking for a non-refundable deposit of \$150.00 to be paid by Monday 4th February 2019. Payment options are cash, credit card, Qkr or CSEF. Final numbers need to be submitted on Monday 4th March, to G.E.T tours. Qkr deposit will close at 3:30pm on the 4th of February.

A payment booklet has been provided to each family for the deposits. Installments (minimum of \$20.00 please) can be made at any time through the office or class teacher. Please ensure that all money is in an envelope with your child's name on it.

Deadline for final payment is Tuesday 23rd April 2019.

Please find attached a copy of the draft itinerary for our tour and a school payment envelope, this will need to be returned by Monday 4th of February with the \$150.00 non-refundable deposit to secure your child's place in the 2019 Canberra Tour.

Thank you,
Grade 6 Team

2019 ITINERARY

Please be aware that the order of the itinerary below is subject to change due to attractions availability

Monday

School to Canberra

We leave school early this morning and travel to Canberra making brief stops when and where necessary. We arrive late in Canberra for four nights accommodation.

Tuesday

Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex

The information centre houses displays, models and audio-visuals recording past, present and future space exploration and discovery. The complex is still active in the command, tracking and recording of results from Mars Surveyor spacecraft, Cassini, Galileo and Ulysses space exploration projects and provides a vital link NASA spacecraft.

National Capital Exhibition @ Regatta Point: Guided Tour

A great introduction to Australia's Capital City. The history and development of Canberra is told with rare photos, original plans, clever and stunning laser show and audio-visual presentations. This is an excellent vantage point to view Lake Burley Griffin, the Captain Cook Water Jet and the various national institutions on the lakefront. The exhibition answers everything you ever wanted to know about the national capital.

Parliament House of Australia: Guided Tour

This tour will provide an insight into the historical and architectural significance of Parliament House. When Parliament is in session, groups can observe proceedings from the sound-proofed galleries.

Parliament House of Australia: Education Program

Parliament House is the focus of Australian democracy. The Educational programs explain the responsibilities and procedures of Australia's Federal Parliament.

Embassy Drive Tour: 30 - 45 Minutes Tour

Some 70 countries have diplomatic representation in Canberra and many of these missions reflect their country's architectural style. The Indonesian and Papua New Guinea missions offer cultural centres which you can visit. Don't miss the stunning Embassy of China, which is built in a traditional pagoda style.

Black Mountain Tower: Evening Visit

Black Mountain Tower's open and enclosed viewing galleries provide a magnificent view over Canberra and the surrounding countryside. Educational kits are available. The Tower contains an exhibition area where models and displays describe the history of telecommunications in Australia. By evening, a spectacular look at the lights of Canberra.

Wednesday

Electoral Education Centre: Education

The Electoral Education Centre runs topical classes on the federal electoral system for students from upper primary to tertiary level. The centre's programs are designed to make students aware of the importance of elections and participation in parliamentary democracy.

National Portrait Gallery

The National Portrait Gallery offers a wide range of workshops, study days and professional development forums for educators and students that extend and enrich school-based learning. Driven by the richness of the collection and students' responses to it programs emphasise visual art, history, literacy, numeracy, civics and citizenship. Interpretation of portraiture connects history and art and the stories of people.

Australian War Memorial: Self Guided Tour

The Australian War Memorial is Australia's National Memorial to those who died in war. It contains an archive centre of research and galleries displaying relics, documents, photographs and art. The Hall of Memory, where the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier is located, is the centre of the formal commemorative areas of the Memorial.

Discovery Zone (subject to availability)

The Discovery Zone offers students exclusive use of a unique hands-on experience. The program looks at one family's experience in the First World War, the Second World War and the Vietnam War.

Mount Ainslie Lookout: General Visit

This provides a spectacular view of central Canberra and Parliamentary Triangle. From this vantage point you can really appreciate the city's distinctive layout with its lakes, parks and gardens. The backdrop of hills and mountains adds to the stunning vista before you.

Canberra Indoor Rock Climbing:

Thursday

Geoscience Education Centre

The centre offers a variety of curriculum linked hands-on geo-science activities with materials and equipment not normally available to schools. View a collection of meteorites and a display of records of Australian earthquakes.

Questacon - The National Science and Technology Centre: Day Visit - Self Guided

This "hands-on" exhibit is entertaining as well as educational. A spiral walkway leads you to the various galleries of the Centre. Over 200 interactive exhibits deal with the mysteries of science by demonstrating their everyday applications. Amongst the fascinating exhibits is "Bodyworks" where you can learn about your own body for walking, talking, listening, cycling, throwing and balancing. You can experience an earthquake in the Centre's living room, watch a lightning strike or make music on a harp without strings. The Environment Exhibition shows how individual Australians and visitors can make a difference to global environmental issues.

Royal Australian Mint: Guided Tour

The Visitors' Gallery offers excellent views of the minting process and the fascinating Coin Museum. Exhibitions trace the history of Australian coins and coin design. You can also mint your own special \$1 coin during your visit (extra cost will apply)

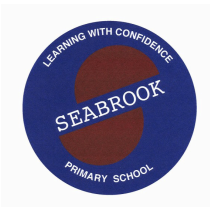
Museum of Australian Democracy @ Old Parliament House: Guided Tour

The temporary home of Australia's Federal Parliament from 1927 - 1988, contains plenty to see. It is a unique venue, highly evocative of Australia's political history and main characters.

Friday

Canberra to School

After breakfast, begin your journey home again with a late afternoon arrival at school.



CAMP PERMISSION SLIP – Canberra Tour 2019

(Please fill in and return to your child's teacher)

STUDENT: _____ **GRADE:** _____ **TEACHER:** _____

I hereby give permission for my child to attend the school the grade 6 Canberra Tour. I authorise the teacher in charge of the activity to consent where it is impracticable to communicate with me to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

I understand that if my child becomes ill, or it is deemed necessary for them to leave, it will be my responsibility to collect my child at my own expense.

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

Contact number in case of emergency: _____ **Relationship to child:** _____

Please be aware that the above price is only an estimation and actual costing will be confirmed at the beginning of 2019.