



# St Patrick's School NEWSLETTER

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## Extra Edition Newsletter— Canberra Excursion

**Day 1:** On Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> of July, 2017 Year 6 arrived at school with their bags packed ready to load their luggage onto the coach for our two day Canberra Excursion. We departed school at 6:30am to travel to Canberra.

### Mount Ainslie Lookout and Australian War Memorial

After an enjoyable three and a half hour bus trip, we finally arrived at Mount Ainslie Lookout, where we expected to see a wonderful view of the national institutes in the ministerial triangle. Instead we saw big clouds of fog.

The coaches departed Mount Ainslie Lookout and arrived at the War Memorial to stop for a lunch break with a selection of Subway rolls. Two groups then had the opportunity to go on a self guided tour and a guided tour of the War Memorial and got to witness and take part in a 'We Will Remember Them' Ceremony. They reflected on the soldiers who fought for us in the war.

### Parliamentary Education Office Role Play

At 3:00pm, year 6 arrived at Parliament House, where we had a guided tour and learned about the House of Representatives, the Senate and the voting system.

The students got the chance to role-play a debate over a subject to have free Wi-Fi on public transport. They had to reimagine that the room they were in was the House of Representatives and all the children had a great time with their selected roles.

Then we checked in at the Best Western Sundown Motel accommodation, where the year 6 students paired up with 3-6 other students in a cabin.

Year 6 then headed to the restaurant for a lovely dinner of roast beef with seasoned potatoes and vegetables.

### National Dinosaur Museum

Year 6 then got to learn about the most magnificent creatures that have ever set foot on Planet Earth... that's right DINOSAURS! We had a guided tour at night and also had an opportunity to see some amazing jewels, carved into awesome shapes and sizes. We learned about the massive mouth span of the megalodon shark and the time periods of extinction and dinosaurs found in Australia.

**Day 2:** 28th of July, 2017. We woke up the next morning and had a classic, cooked breakfast including eggs, baked beans, toast, sausages, hash browns, cereal, fresh fruit and yogurt. What a meal!

### **Questacon and Electoral Education Centre**

Year 6 then departed the Sundown Motel and drove to Questacon! Year 6 got the chance to explore a world of science. We also got the chance to go on a giant slide called the vertical drop. We also saw caged lightning. Some children even had the chance to design their own jet and fly it through a course of obstacles.

Then Year 6 arrived at the Electoral Education Centre on the grounds of the Old Parliament House. One group got to wander through the Rose Garden and visit the Aboriginal Tent Embassy, whilst the other group learnt how to vote at the electoral Education Centre and then we swapped. We got to have a vote and see how they gather all of the votes.

Year 6 then were put in groups of 8 and were given pizza. Yum! Then Year 6 said their last farewells to Canberra and hopped back on the coach to journey all the way back to Guildford!

### **Message from Year 6.**

Year six have undertaken an education tour of the national capital of Australia. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

Kind Regards  
Year 6 Students

