

Stage 3 Canberra Excursion 2016

Students from Stage 3 went on an educational tour of our nation's capital, Canberra. We were given the opportunity to learn, explore and enjoy many interesting and exciting 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. We are fortunate because the Australian Government is contributing \$20 funding per student which assists families in meeting the cost of the excursion. This is through the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has already been factored into the cost of the excursion.



On the trip, we went to Parliament House. We did an incredibly fun role-play on the everyday life of a politician passing a Bill in the House of Representatives. We had a supercalafragalisticexpialadoshushy fun time and we went to amazing places like the Dinosaur Museum. Did you know that chickens are dinosaurs and the T-Rex was fluffy? We also went to the National War Memorial, the Australian National Museum, the National Capital Exhibition, the Parliamentary Education Office and, of course, the Australian Institute of Sport.

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