GRADE SIX TRIP TO CANBERRA
2013
Why Canberra?

The Year Six curriculum covers the development of Australia as a nation. Students explore Australia’s links to the rest of the world, with an emphasis on Britain and the Asia-Pacific Region, around the turn of the 19th century, including migration to Australia, with a focus on the 20th century.

Flight Details

Students are required to assemble at the Hobart Airport in their School Sports Uniform at 4.30am. Identification lanyards, including teacher’s contact numbers, will be given to students at the airport.

**Departure:** Tuesday, 26th November
- VA1313
  - Departs Hobart at 6.00am
  - Arrives in Melbourne at 7.15am

- VA259
  - Departs Melbourne at 8.25am
  - Arrives in Canberra at 9.30am

**Return:** Friday, 29th November
- VA1205
  - Departs Canberra at 5.00pm
  - Arrives in Melbourne at 6.10pm

- VA1332
  - Departs Melbourne at 7.40pm
  - Arrives in Hobart at 8.55pm
Itinerary

Tuesday, 26th November

4.30am  Assemble at the Hobart Airport for 6.00am flight to Canberra

9.30am  Bus trip past a few of the embassies in Canberra.

11.00am Guided Tour of the Indonesian Embassy for a taste of Indonesian culture

Lunch (please send something with your child for lunch on Tuesday)

1.00pm  Self guided visit of the National Capital Planning Display. Audio visual displays, models, photographs and drawings explain how and why Canberra was built in its unique way.

2.30pm  Visit to Parliament House for an education program, followed by a guided tour (3.00pm) and an education program (4.00pm).

6.00pm  Dinner and Check in at Canberra Motor Village

Wednesday, 27th November

7.00am  Breakfast

8.30am  Guided tour of the Australian Institute of Sport and a visit to the AIS Visitors Centre.

10.30am Guided tour of the Australian National Gallery, which houses our national art collection.
Lunch

12.30pm  Self guided visit to the Australian War Memorial, which contains the Hall of Memory, Roll of Honour, Aeroplane Hall and an absorbing War Museum.

3.30pm  Visit to the Electoral Education Centre, providing students with first hand knowledge about the electoral process.

6.30pm  Dinner

8.00pm  Ten pin bowling

Thursday, 28th November

7.30am  Breakfast

9.00am  Self guided tour of the National Museum where students will experience a fresh and exciting approach to Australia’s history, cultures and environment.

11.30am  A guided tour of the High Court of Australia - the pinnacle of the Australian judicial system.

Lunch

1.30pm  Visit to the National Science and Technology Centre. This is a fascinating hands-on science exhibition which houses over 150 exhibits in six galleries. Each gallery represents a different aspect of science and technology

5.30pm  Dinner

7.30pm  Visit to Telstra Tower for a spectacular view across Canberra.
Friday, 29th November

7.30am    Breakfast

9.00am    Visit to the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House – journeying through time and discovering Australia’s democracy in exciting new exhibition activities and historic role-plays.

10.30am   A self guided tour of the Royal Australian Mint, the home of the nation’s decimal coinage.

Lunch

1.00pm    A visit to the National Portrait Gallery where we enjoy an education program ‘Possibilities of Portraiture’.

3.30pm    Check in at the airport for our flight home.

5.00pm    Flight departs

8.55pm    Arrive in Hobart (via Melbourne).

** Please note – any changes to this itinerary will be circulated to parents as soon as possible.

Accommodation Details

Canberra Motor Village
Kunzea Street
O’Connor
Phone (02) 6247 5466
Students will be allocated cabins prior to the trip. Any specific requests received in writing will be considered.

Staff Attending

Nick Bakker       Simon Eade       Donna Duggan
Carol Duggan     Kate Bridge      Su Heyward

Prior to the trip, students will be split into groups and given the name of the staff member who will be the ‘team leader’.

What to Bring

Clothing:        Underwear, socks, jeans/pants, shorts, jumper/sweatshirt, raincoat, shirts/t-shirts, tracksuit (ideal for sleeping), rubber soled walking shoes, hankerchiefs/tissues, towel.

General:         Toilet requisites, sunglasses, torch, camera/films, games/cards, CDs, videos/DVDs for the coach, bumbag.

Please Note:     a luggage limit of one sausage/sports bag or medium size suitcase plus one school or travel bag applies per person. Sausage/sports bags are the most useful inside the coach for day to day items (e.g. lunch on first day, camera, torch and games). **Metal framed rucksacks and backpacks are not accepted.**

Luggage Limit: Information relating to luggage sizes is included later in this booklet.

Hand luggage: one softsided bag no larger than: width 23cm, height 34cm, length 48cm. The hand luggage must be able to fit in the luggage
racks above the seats on the coach. If this is not possible, the hand luggage will need to be repacked to fit on the racks or placed in the luggage bins under the coach.

Red/white/blue striped shopping bags and cricket bags will not be allowed on the tour. Any luggage that does not adhere to the above measurements and weight may not be accepted by the coach captain due to limited luggage space and weight allowance.

Canberra Weather

Mean maximum temperature: 21.5
Mean minimum temperature: 8.2

On average 7 days in October and November experience more than 1mm of rainfall.

Spending money

The level of spending money that you send with your child is at your discretion. A recommended amount is $100.00. It is suggested that you have some discussions with your child about not buying gifts for family members, as there are obviously restrictions in terms of time available for gift buying and also room in luggage.

Mobile Phones

Students are allowed to take a mobile phone. These phones can be used for a specified amount of time each evening, after which time they will be passed in to the group leader. One phone will remain in each cabin overnight.
Travel Insurance (optional)

Optional Travel Insurance is provided through Tour Safe at a cost of $31 per student. An extract from the Product Disclosure Statement is enclosed for your information. The full PDS is available upon request from Samantha Wilton at the Huntingfield Campus Office.

While travel insurance is optional, it is suggested that you consider this as you would any other family holiday in terms of whether you consider insurance necessary.

If you do wish to avail yourself of travel insurance, this paperwork and accompanying payment is required at the Huntingfield office by no later than Friday 1st November 2013.

Paperwork for completion

Enclosed in this package are a number of forms for your completion, which relate to health issues, dietary requirements and consent forms.

Please note that all of this information is to be returned to Samantha Wilton at the Huntingfield Campus by no later than Friday, 1st November. Any special dietary requirements received after that time will not be able to be catered for.

If there are any other issues that may effect your child’s willingness to participate in planned activities i.e. fear of heights, homesickness, you are requested to include this with the returned paperwork.

Further information

Please do not hesitate to contact Donna Duggan (donna.duggan@catholic.tas.edu.au) or Samantha Wilton (samantha.wilton@catholic.tas.edu.au) for any further information or if you have any concerns.
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SPECIAL DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Name:

Please list any special dietary requirements for your child/children:

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