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Year 6 Canberra Excursion Information – 1- 3 May 2023

Dear parents/carers

The Year 6 Canberra Civics and Citizenship excursion will take place **Monday 1 - Wednesday 3 May 2023**.

Many thanks to those parents who have paid the \$200 deposit. The full cost of the excursion is \$525.00 (including the deposit) and this payment can be made now. Please contact the school office if you are unsure of the balance of your account or if you are experiencing financial difficulties. Please read the following information carefully and ensure all payments are completed **by Thursday 6 April 2023**.

Excursion information

On Monday 1 May 2023 students will need to arrive at school at **6.15am**.

When students arrive, they should enter the school by the gate near the Care Centre on Ridge Road. This will be the only gate open at this time of morning. We will meet on the fake grass area next to the gate, or in the case of rain, under the K-2 COLA. Please avoid parking in the bus zone when dropping off students as the buses need to park here. Buses arrive at school for loading by 6.30am.

Upon arrival, students need to see their teacher and have their name marked on the roll. If your child has medication, it must be in its original packaging, labelled with the student's name and dosage requirements, and given to their class teacher. The Medical Information Google Form should have been completed prior to the excursion for any medication. Any emergency medications that need to be with students (eg asthma puffer, EpiPen etc) should be kept in students' daypacks. Students will need to show that they have this medication. Students will then be directed to use the toilet before loading their luggage and boarding the buses.

Students should have a small day backpack and one larger luggage bag with them. In the backpack they need a packed recess, lunch and a refillable water bottle. They may also bring things they may need on the bus, such as a reading book, notepad or card games. Students are **not required to wear school uniform**. Students should wear comfortable, appropriate clothes suitable for the weather and activities - neat and tidy with no offensive slogans, no backless tops or revealing shorts.

In their luggage bag, students need to pack clothes for two more days. Make note of the expected temperature and pack accordingly. Thongs and sandals are not appropriate for the daytime excursions but may be worn around the accommodation. A hat is essential for outdoor activities and a raincoat/spray jacket should be packed too. **Please ensure all belongings are labelled.**

Linen (including towels) is provided by the accommodation. Information on what to bring (and not bring) is attached. Please note, **no mobile phones or electronic equipment** other than a camera are to be brought on the excursion. These can create problems with inappropriate use, theft or loss. If parents need to contact students or teachers, please use Seesaw or contact the school.

Students are allowed to bring money to spend, at the discretion of parents. We recommend no more than \$50. On the way home on Wednesday night we will be stopping at McDonalds for a comfort stop. Students may choose to purchase food for dinner. They may also wait until we return home. If students bring money they will need to put an amount for the comfort stop aside. Teachers will not mind money for students, nor will they pay for dinners if students over-spend beforehand.

The coaches will arrive back at the school at approximately 7.30pm on Wednesday 3 May 2023, with any change to arrival time notified via Skoolbag/Facebook/Seesaw. Please do not park in the bus bays on this night. **In the interest of safety, please ensure that your child's name is marked off by their teacher on the class roll before taking them home.**

A detailed itinerary for the excursion is attached to this note. While on the excursion, we will be sharing photos and updates via the school's official Facebook page and teachers may share via Seesaw if time allows.

Excursion Permissions and Medical Forms

Please complete the following Google Form: <https://forms.gle/nSrHkizQkZysL8wq5> by Thursday 6 April 2023

- permission for your child to watch a PG movie under the supervision of adults
- medical information form detailing medical requirements and any medication required by your child

Final payment is due Thursday 6 April 2023.

COVID Smart Plan

We have created a COVID Smart plan alongside our risk assessment plan. We will review this in line with updated NSW Health guidelines closer to the date. At this point in time, please be aware:

- We may request that all students take a Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) prior to departure on the morning of Monday 1 May 2023.
- Students with any COVID symptoms will not be allowed to board the bus.
- On the excursion, any students displaying COVID symptoms will be isolated under supervision of a teacher in a comfortable location and asked to take a rapid antigen test (RAT). If a student tests positive to COVID-19 they will continue isolation and parents/carers will be contacted. Parents will be required to drive to Canberra to pick up their child.

Attendance

Most students have returned permission notes. If your child is not attending the excursion please contact the school as soon as possible

We look forward to a fun and educational experience with the students. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate in contacting the school.

Kind Regards
Year 6 Teachers


Sue Roach
Principal

What to bring:	Do not bring:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> ANY MEDICATION YOU NEED <input type="checkbox"/> One travel bag with your clothes <input type="checkbox"/> One small backpack <input type="checkbox"/> Camera and charger (optional) – YOUR RESPONSIBILITY <input type="checkbox"/> Two changes of clothes suitable for the weather. Consider the predicted weather for the week. <input type="checkbox"/> A spray jacket (that fits in your daypack) <input type="checkbox"/> Toiletries including soap, toothbrush and paste, roll-on deodorant, hair brush etc <input type="checkbox"/> A hat <input type="checkbox"/> Comfortable, enclosed shoes that will stay on. You may not wear thongs while we are on the excursion. <input type="checkbox"/> Pyjamas <input type="checkbox"/> Socks and underwear <input type="checkbox"/> Recess and lunch for the first day only <input type="checkbox"/> Spending money, \$50 maximum recommended – YOUR RESPONSIBILITY. Save money for McDonalds on the way home, or eat dinner when you get home <input type="checkbox"/> A book for bedtime/bus reading <input type="checkbox"/> A notebook and pencil <input type="checkbox"/> A pillow (optional – pillows are provided) <input type="checkbox"/> Manners and a 'can-do' attitude 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> MOBILE PHONE. Students do not need phones. Any phones found will be confiscated and returned to parents upon the return to school <input type="checkbox"/> Chocolate and lollies- due to allergy risks. If you are found with either, these will be confiscated and not returned <input type="checkbox"/> Other devices eg, iPad, chromebooks, laptops etc <input type="checkbox"/> Extra blankets <input type="checkbox"/> Inappropriate clothing (T-shirts with offensive slogans, revealing clothing like singlet tops or very short shorts) <input type="checkbox"/> An umbrella

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1- 3 May 2023

DAY 1 MONDAY 1st MAY

	<u>GROUP 1</u> (39+4)		<u>GROUP 2</u> (38+3)
6.30am	Coach arrives at school	6.30am	Coach arrives at school
	Load bags		Load bags
7.00am	Depart Sydney for travel to Canberra	7.00am	Depart Sydney for travel to Canberra
	Comfort Stop Enroute		Comfort Stop Enroute
11.00am	Arrive Canberra Make way to Old Parliament House	11.00am	Arrive Canberra Make way to Old Parliament House
11.30am- 12.30pm	<u>MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY</u> People Power Making Change	11.30am	<u>LUNCH</u> Students to Supply own
12.30pm	<u>LUNCH</u> Students to Supply own	12.00pm- 1.00pm	<u>MUSEUM OF AUSTRALIAN DEMOCRACY</u> People Power Making Change
1.00pm	Depart to Mt Ainslie	1.00pm	Depart to Mt Ainslie
1.30pm- 2.00pm	<u>MT AINSLIE VISIT</u> View Canberra from the top of Mt Ainslie	1.30pm- 2.00pm	<u>MT AINSLIE VISIT</u> View Canberra from the top of Mt Ainslie
2.00pm	Depart to the AIS	2.00pm	Depart to the AIS
2.30pm- 4.00pm	<u>AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT</u> Guided Tour / Sportex	2.30pm- 4.00pm	<u>AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT</u> Guided Tour / Sportex
4.00pm	Depart to Canberra Accommodation	4.00pm	Depart to Canberra Accommodation
5.00pm	Arrival at Canberra Student Lodge	5.00pm	Arrival at Canberra Student Lodge
	Unload coach & <u>Check in</u>		Unload coach & <u>Check in</u>
6.30pm	<u>DINNER</u> Supplied by accommodation	6.30pm	<u>DINNER</u> Supplied by accommodation

DAY 2
TUESDAY 2nd MAY

	GROUP 1 (39+4)		GROUP 2 (38+3)
7.30am	<u>BREAKFAST</u> Supplied by accommodation	7.30am	<u>BREAKFAST</u> Supplied by accommodation
9.00am	Driver/Teachers to collect lunches from the kitchen	9.00am	Driver/Teachers to collect lunches from the kitchen
9.30am	Depart to Old Parliament House	9.30am	Depart to the National Museum
10.00am-11.30am	<u>ELECTORAL EDUCATION CENTRE</u> Guided Tour	10.00am-11.00am	<u>NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUST</u> Meet The People
11.30am	Depart to the National Museum	11.00am	Depart to Old Parliament House
12.00pm-1.00pm	<u>NATIONAL MUSEUM OF AUST</u> Meet The People	11.30am	<u>LUNCH</u> Supplied by accommodation
1.00pm	<u>LUNCH</u> Supplied by accommodation	12.00pm-1.30pm	<u>ELECTORAL EDUCATION CENTRE</u> Guided Tour
1.30pm	Depart to Parliament House	1.30pm	Depart to the war Memorial
2.00pm-4.30pm	<u>PARLIAMENT HOUSE</u> Parliamentary Education, Tour the House of Reps & Senate & Hospitality	2.00pm-3.00pm	<u>AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL</u> School program
4.30pm	Depart to <u>Questacon</u>	3.30pm	<u>EMBASSY DRIVE</u>
		4.30pm	Depart to <u>Questacon</u>
5.00pm-7.00pm	<u>QUESTACON</u> Enjoy some time at <u>Questacon</u>	5.00pm-7.00pm	<u>QUESTACON</u> Enjoy some time at <u>Questacon</u>
7.00pm	Depart back to <u>accommodation</u>	7.00pm	Depart back to <u>accommodation</u>
7.20pm	Arrival back at accommodation	7.20pm	Arrival back at accommodation
7.30pm	<u>DINNER</u> Supplied by accommodation	7.30pm	<u>DINNER</u> Supplied by accommodation

DAY 3
WEDNESDAY 3rd MAY

	GROUP 1 (39+4)		GROUP 2 (38+3)
7.30am	<u>BREAKFAST</u> Supplied by accommodation	7.00am	<u>BREAKFAST</u> Supplied by accommodation
8.00am	Load coach & <u>Check out</u>	8.00am	Load coach & <u>check out</u>
8.30am	Depart to the War Memorial	8.30am	Depart to Parliament House
9.00am- 10.00am	<u>AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL</u> School program	9.00am- 11.30am	<u>PARLIAMENT HOUSE</u> Parliamentary Education, Tour the House of Reps & Senate & Hospitality
10.00am	Depart to the Mint	11.30am	Depart to the Arboretum
11.00am- 12.00pm	<u>ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT</u> Guided Tour	12.00pm	<u>LUNCH</u> Supplied by Accommodation
12.00pm	<u>LUNCH</u> Supplied by Accommodation	12.30pm- 1.30pm	<u>ARBORETUM</u> Orienteering
12.30pm	<u>EMBASSY DRIVE</u> Then to the Arboretum	1.00pm	Depart to the Mint
1.30pm- 2.30pm	<u>ARBORETUM</u> Orienteering	2.00pm- 3.00pm	<u>ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT</u> Guided Tour
3.00pm	Depart Canberra for travel back to Sydney	3.00pm	Depart Canberra for travel back to Sydney
	Comfort Stop enroute		Comfort Stop <u>enroute</u>
7.30pm	Approximate arrival time back at School	7.30pm	Approximate arrival time back at School