

**Re: Canberra Trip 2016
For Year 6 students in 2016**

Dear Parents

The school would like to offer students in Year 6 (2016) the opportunity to visit Canberra as part of their curriculum. The trip will cover many outcomes in the Humanities and Social Sciences Learning Area but also provide a unique opportunity for students to develop their social and emotional skills whilst visiting the Capital of Australia to see iconic places like the War Memorial and Parliament House.

In 2016 we are looking at holding the Canberra Camp later in the year than previous years. At this stage we are planning to hold the camp from **14th Nov to 18th Nov** which would be Week 6 in Term 4.

In order to progress planning any further for this trip we need expressions of interest sent back to the school as Air Tickets, Accommodation and Travel arrangements need to be booked.

With a Federal Government rebate of \$240 we would hope the cost of the trip without any fundraising would be approx \$1300.00 per student. This would include air flights, accommodation (4 nights), food and entry to all venues. Obviously, additional fundraising would reduce the overall cost for parents. In 2015 the total cost of the trip for parents ended up being \$1130.00.

Financial assistance through various payment plans could be set up by the school to assist in meeting the cost. We also have a number of charitable organisations that we have approached over the years to subsidise some costs for parents if they are experiencing financial hardship. We would obviously like as many students as possible to attend and would not like to see students miss this opportunity due to financial difficulties.

A payment plan may be \$10.00 a fortnight or \$40.00 a month. If this type of plan was set up early for families then the burden of finding over \$1000 next year may be alleviated.

If you would like more information and would like your child to be included in the planning of this exciting opportunity we are inviting parents to a briefing meeting directly following this year's Learning Journey on **Tuesday 22nd September 2015 at 7.15pm** in the undercover area following the choir performance.

Please return the slip below so that we can decide if there is support for this excursion amongst the parents and to continue this project to the next phase. Once we have gained an idea of how many students would like to attend we will then require a **non-refundable deposit of \$100 per child** as the school is required to pay a deposit of \$8,000 early in Term 4 2015.

If you have any other queries please email deborah.smith@education.wa.edu.au

Yours sincerely

Matt Osborne

Principal

7th September 2015.



An example of how the trip might look

Possible Dates:

Mon 14 th Nov	Perth depart	4.45pm	Qantas
	Canberra arrive	10.35pm	Flight QF718
Fri 18 th Nov	Canberra depart	6.40pm	Qantas
	Perth arrive	9.25pm	Flight QF719

Coach: BENSLEYS BUS COACH SERVICE

2 x 52 Seat Deluxe coaches fitted with seat belts

Proposed Daily Itinerary

Mon	Pick up 10.35pm Canberra airport transfer to Greenhills Centre
Tue	Canberra city sights plus National Capital Exhibition National Dinosaur Museum
Wed	Flag Walk Old Parliament House Government House Embassy Drive National Museum
Thu	Parliament House Australian War Memorial
Fri	Questacon Australian Institute of Sport Transfer to Canberra airport for your flight departing at 6.40pm

Cost includes:

- Perth/Canberra/Perth
- 4 nights accommodation in Canberra
- Breakfast, morning tea, cut lunch and dinner in Canberra
- Coach transportation as per itinerary
- Travel Insurance



2016 Year 6 Canberra Camp Parent Expression of Interest Slip

Yes – my child intends to attend the proposed Canberra Camp in 2016

No – my child will not attend the proposed Canberra Camp in 2016

Additional comments: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date: _____