



Re: Canberra Trip 2017 For Year 6 students in 2017

Dear Parents

The school would like to offer students in Year 6 (2017) 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 2017 we are planning to hold the camp from **28th Aug to 1st Sept** which would be Week 7 in Term 3.

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 \$1400.00 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 2016 the total cost of the trip for parents ended up being \$1460.00.

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.

For more information on how your child can be included in the planning for this exciting opportunity, we are inviting parents to a briefing meeting on **Wednesday 21st September 2016 at 5.45pm – 6.45pm** in the undercover area.

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 2016.

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

Yours sincerely
Graeme Watson
Deputy Principal
9th September 2016.

An example of how the trip might look

Dates:

Mon 28 th Aug	Perth depart 4.45pm Canberra arrive 10.35pm	Qantas Flight QF718
Fri 1 st Sept	Canberra depart 6.40pm Perth arrive 9.25pm	Qantas 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 each day
- Coach transportation as per itinerary
- Canberra Jacket

Additional expenses for parents:

- Students pocket / spending money
- Travel Insurance



Student Expression of Interest to Attend 2017 Camp

- Yes – my child intends to attend the proposed Canberra Camp in 2017
 No – my child will not attend the proposed Canberra Camp in 2017

Additional comments: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

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

21st September 2016 – Parent Briefing Attendance for the 2017 Camp

- Yes – I intend to attend the briefing on 21st September 2016 for the Canberra Camp in 2017
 No – I will not be attending the briefing for the 2017 Canberra Camp

Additional comments: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

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

Parent Expression of Interest to Attend 2017 Camp as Volunteer Supervisor

- Yes – I would like to be considered as a volunteer parent supervisor for Canberra Camp in 2017

Additional comments: _____

Child's Name: _____ Room: _____

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

Please note: Parents who indicate they would like to be considered as a volunteer supervisor for camp will also need to submit an expression of interest on a separate page or by email to deborah.smith@education.wa.edu.au by 23rd September 2016 outlining their experience with children, current skills ie: First Aid Qualifications, Club / Coaching experience with children (Scouts, Surf Club, Football, Netball Coaching etc.) and relevant qualifications and clearances ie: Working with Children Check (WWCC), National Police History Check etc. Please also include the reason you would like to be considered. Any adult who attends camp will be required to obtain a Working with Children's Check Card prior to departure at their own cost.

