



18th March 2021

STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION 2021 - UPDATE

See attached sheet for general information and what to bring

WHEN: 21st April 2021 – 23rd April 2021

WHERE: Canberra

WHO: Stage 3 students

COST: \$300.00

TIME: to meet at 5.15am in the school hall on Wednesday, 21st April 2021 and to return on Friday, 23rd April 2021 at 7.30pm (check School App for updates)

CLOSING DATE: Complete the medical note and have full payment of \$300.00 by Friday, 26th March 2021.

The Principal will have the right to remove any student whose behaviour and risk management infringes upon themselves and / or others leading up to this excursion.

All students and staff who attend day / overnight excursions (at the expense of being away from home for day/s) have the right to enjoy the learning experiences each excursion offers.

Any student whose behaviour while on excursion is deemed unacceptable (as per our student welfare policy) will have parents / caregivers notified and be transported home.

Deposits for this camp will only be refunded under extenuating circumstances, as the school ultimately covers any costs associated with students withdrawing.

Thank you

Mrs J Freers
Teacher

Mrs V Arnot
Relieving Principal



STAGE 3 CANBERRA EXCURSION 2021 General Information

General organisation:

Canberra is a wonderful excursion, full of learning experiences that the students will gain a lot from in terms of units of work being studied at school now and in high school.

We try to pack in as many of the experiences that are available in Canberra so it is a very busy, active excursion, with a full itinerary that requires a lot of organisation.

We are committed to providing all the students a safe, educational and enjoyable excursion.

Payment:

Final payment is due no later than Friday, 26th March 2021

Below is some general information about the excursion as well as a list of things to pack.

- All students are expected to be at school by 5.15am on Wednesday, 21st April 2021
- **A COVID-19 Personal Health declaration form** will need to be filled out by a parent on the morning of the excursion for their child. This is a requirement from ACT Health and will need to be sighted before entering venues. If your child is sick on the day of the excursion they will be unable to travel to Canberra.
- There will be **three bus groups** and these will be the day groups that the students travel with and attend venues. The three bus groups will follow separate itineraries while in Canberra to allow for group sizes. These **bus groups will be based on class groups** so the students will be with their regular class teacher while they are at venues and travelling.
- Cabin groups will be allocated before we leave. Groups do not have to be from within classes but cabin sizes are governed by the numbers of room occupants given by the accommodation providers.
- Part of the excursion is subsidised by the Australian Government PACER program. 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. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This subsidy has already been deducted from the price of the excursion.
- As part of this subsidy the school must take part in a selection of educational programs including Parliament House. Students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. The protocols for visiting Parliament House and receiving this subsidy include all students wearing their full school uniform during this visit. **So school uniform is compulsory on the days each group attends Parliament House.**
- On other days students are expected to wear sensible, neat clothing suitable for walking, sun safe and appropriate to the respectful nature of some of the venues we will visit.
- Students will need 2 bags. Their big bag will be in the bus on day one and day three and in the cabin on day 2. **This big bag will only be accessible while at the cabins.** They will also have a day bag to carry small items and jumpers on the bus as they travel. This should also include their morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea for the first day of travel.
- The bus is expected to return to school at 7:30pm on Friday 23rd April 2021. An update to the arrival time will be posted on the school App during the afternoon. **It is expected that all children will be met by an adult. If any arrangements are made for another parent to transport your child home, please inform the school in writing.**



THINGS TO PACK FOR CANBERRA 2021

1. Bag or small suitcase:

- Pair of underwear and socks for each day
- Clothes for daytime: t-shirts (**NO** singlets), shorts, jeans, warm jackets etc.
- Clothes for night time: warm t-shirt, jacket and pants
- **ESSENTIAL: Summer school uniform for Parliament House visit. IT IS AN EXPECTATION THAT WE ARE IN FULL SUMMER UNIFORM (not year 6 shirt) whilst at Parliament House. NO school uniform - NO entry**
- Sleeping: warm pyjamas
- Comfortable enclosed walking shoes (**thongs or sandals are not allowed**)
- Toiletries-soap, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, shampoo, etc
- Deodorant (**Roll On only permitted**) **NO** aerosols permitted.

2. Small backpack (to go with student on the bus) containing:

- Camera (optional and responsibility of student)
- 1 refillable water bottle
- Asthma puffer if this is needed during daytime activities
- Tissues
- **Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea for day 1**
- Sunscreen
- Hat
- Wet weather gear
- Pillow (optional)
- Book to read (optional)
- Pen and notebook
- Small amount of spending money (maximum \$40)
- A face mask (this needs to be worn on the bus if you are 12 years or older)

3. Medication:

- Any medication brought is to be clearly labelled with instructions, sealed and handed into teacher on the morning of departure.
- Travel sickness precautions should be taken and packed if needed. This makes for an enjoyable trip for everyone.

NO VALUABLES / JEWELLERY / ELECTRONIC DEVICES, E.G. IPODS/MOBILE PHONES. ALL CLOTHES AND BAGS NEED TO BE LABELLED WITH CHILD'S NAME.

*** Any mobile phones found will be confiscated and returned to parents.
TEACHERS will have their mobile phones and each students contact details if they are required to contact parents at any time during the excursion.**

4. Food:

- Please bring enough food to last all day on Wednesday. Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and a water bottle.

We are asking each child to bring in the following extra snacks **by Wednesday 31st March 2021** at the latest from 6W, 5C, 5B and 5S to pack on the buses. The students in 6F and 6S are to bring the fruit in the day before the excursion on Tuesday, 20th April 2021.

6F and 6S	a piece of fruit	6W and 5C	a packet of chips
5B and 5S	a muesli bar or something similar (packet of cookies)		

A reminder note will be sent home in the last week of term with details of bus organization.