

# Falls Creek Public School & Greenwell Point Public School 3-day Canberra Excursion

## Day 1 Wednesday 2 November 2022

- 6.15am Coach arrives at Greenwell Point Public School  
Load baggage onto coach
- 6.45am Depart Greenwell Point Public School
- 7.05am Pick up Falls Creek Public School students from Kennedy's Depot  
7 Flinders Road, South Nowra
- 7.10am Depart Nowra and travel to Canberra  
Comfort/morning tea stop along the way – **students to supply their own morning tea today**
- 11.00am **National Gallery of Australia** – education program  
Visit the National Gallery of Australia and see some of the most creative, thought-provoking and original works of art to be seen in Australia  
The Gallery offers a range of education services throughout the year  
**Art in Focus – education program**  
Learn about some of the most well-known works of art in the Gallery's collection. From Jackson Pollock's painting Blue Poles 1952 to Emily Kame Kngwarreye's The Alhalkere Suite 1993 this program focusses on the role of art and artists in our society.
- 12.00pm Depart the National Gallery
- 12.30pm Lunch on the grounds of Parliament House – **students to supply their own lunches today**  
**Parliament House** – guided tour + educational program  
A visit to Parliament House engages and challenges students while they learn about Australia's representative democracy in the home of the federal Parliament
- 1.00pm **Tour of Parliament House**  
Parliamentary guides provide your school with free tours that include a visit to the Senate and House of Representatives chambers. All tours focus on the role and function of Australia's federal Parliament. When Parliament is sitting students are taken to sound-proof galleries above the chambers where they have the opportunity to ask questions and learn about parliamentary procedure. When Parliament is not sitting tours may also highlight the building's impressive architecture and aspects of the Parliament House Art collection
- 2.00pm **Parliamentary Role Play**  
The Parliamentary Education Office facilitates a range of one-hour role play programs that explore how the Parliament makes decisions and accounts for those decisions. In role and acting as parliamentarians, students learn about the role and functions of the federal Parliament by considering issues of national importance
- 3.00pm **Hospitality**  
A chance to meet with your Local Member of Parliament if Parliament is sitting. Snacks are provided for students and teachers
- 3.30pm 30 Minutes free time – fantastic photo opportunity!
- 4.00pm Depart Parliament House and travel to your accommodation

### Ibis Styles Canberra

Ibis Styles Canberra is ideally located minutes from the Parliamentary Triangle and Canberra's major attractions.

#### Student Accommodation

Students rooms are multi share with a queen bed, single bed and 1 x bunk bed in each room. Each room has its own private bathroom.

**Linen, pillows, blankets and towels are provided**

- 5.30pm Dinner supplied by accommodation
- 6.30pm Depart accommodation
- 7.00pm National Arboretum Canberra – Orienteering after hours  
Take advantage of the late evenings or head out with torches after sunset at the Arboretum and challenge your students in the fun and engaging activity of orienteering. Students will work together to read maps, search for markers and problem solve.
- 8.00pm Depart the Arboretum and return to accommodation

## **Day 2 Thursday 3 November 2022**

- 7.00am Breakfast supplied by accommodation
- 8.00am Depart your accommodation
- 8.30am Electoral Education Centre  
During a visit to the National Electoral Education Centre participants will have an opportunity to:
- Enjoy a spectacular multi-media presentation on the history of democracy and elections in Australia in a purpose-built theatre
  - Enhance their knowledge of the electoral process through hands-on activities in our Discovery Zone
  - Vote in an election and experience first-hand the electoral process and allocation of preferences.
- 10.00am Morning tea on the grounds of Old Parliament House supplied by Food on the Run
- 10.30am Depart Old Parliament House and drive around the Embassies & Consulates on the way to the National Museum of Australia
- National Museum of Australia  
At the National Museum of Australia every object tells a story about Australia and Australians. Each of these stories provides a unique educational tool, enabling teachers to encourage students to make the important links between their historical and contemporary environments. Facilitated Education programs help students uncover these stories through handling of objects and dynamic, engaging gallery activities
- 11.30am **A living Culture**  
A Living Culture is a Museum Educator facilitated program which introduces students to the diversity of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, culture and life in Australia. Students use a range of objects to help understand Indigenous cultures and how they have evolved and adapted since 1788. Older students discuss and analyse the two vastly different cultures that collided upon the arrival of Europeans, and the impact this has had on Indigenous Australians. Teachers are then encouraged to further explore the galleries with their students.
- 1.00pm Lunch on the grounds of the Museum supplied by Food on the Run
- 1.30pm Depart the Museum

- 2.00pm Commonwealth Place – Self guided walk  
International Flag display and Australian of the year walk  
The International Flag Display at Commonwealth Place, in the centre of the National Triangle, colourfully acknowledges the international presence in the National Capital. The flags are flown 24 hours a day and are lit at night, casting a vivid reflection on the Central Basin of Lake Burley Griffin. Flag Raising Ceremonies are also held at the International Flag Display.
- 2.30pm Depart Commonwealth Place
- 3.00pm High Court of Australia- Guided tour  
A typical tour takes 45-60 minutes and includes an overview of the history, role and powers of the Court, as well as an explanation of the workings of the courtrooms visited. Photographs may be taken inside the building except in any courtroom where the Court is in session
- 4.00pm Depart the High Court of Australia
- 4.30pm Mount Ainslie Lookout  
Here you can explore Walter Burley Griffin's concept of a city build on a straight axis that runs from Mount Ainslie through Parliament House.  
From this amazing viewpoint standing above the Australian War Memorial students can see all the national institutions in the Parliamentary Triangle understanding their relationship to each other and giving them a great perspective to begin or end their visit to the National Capital
- 5.00pm Depart Mount Ainslie and travel to your accommodation
- 6.00pm Dinner supplied by accommodation
- 7.30pm Depart your accommodation
- 8.00pm Phillip Swimming & Ice Skating Centre  
1.5 hour skating + skate hire included
- 9.30pm Depart the Centre and return to your accommodation

### **Day 3 Friday 4 November 2022**

- 7.30am Breakfast supplied by accommodation  
Load baggage onto coach
- 8.30am Depart your accommodation
- 9.00am Morning tea on the grounds of the War Memorial supplied by Food on the Run
- 9.30am Self-guided walk of Anzac Parade  
Australian War Memorial – We Will Remember Them program  
The complex, its contents and wide range of activities, form the core of the nation's tribute to the sacrifice and achievement of 102,000 Australian men and women who died serving their country and to those who served overseas and at home
- 10.00am **Students & teachers to meet at the entrance of the War Memorial for orientation**
- 10.15am **We Will Remember Them**  
This program explores the reasons why we continue to remember the service and sacrifice of Australian servicemen and women, particularly on ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day each year

- 11.00am Depart the War Memorial
- 11.30am Lunch on the grounds of Questacon supplied by Food on the Run
- 12.00pm Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre  
Kids love to visit Questacon because it is so much fun, and teachers love taking them because it is packed with hands-on science activities  
At Questacon students can create music with a giant floor piano or test their sporting skills against Olympic athletes. There are also 300 million volts of caged lightning on display and a slippery 6.2m free fall down a slide for those who really want to face their fears
- 2.00pm Depart Questacon and leave Canberra  
  
Comfort stop along the way  
  
Drop Falls Creek Public School students/teachers at Kennedy's Depot before continuing onto Greenwell Point
- 5.30pm Arrival time back at Greenwell Point Public School

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