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Stage Three Canberra Excursion 2018

Planning for the major excursion for Year 5 and Year 6 students for 2018 is underway. It will be a 3 night camp to Canberra, departing Tuesday, 21 August and returning Friday, 24 August 2018. The cost of the excursion is estimated to be \$450, based on 60 students attending. Exact costs will be confirmed when numbers are known.

Attached is the proposed itinerary outlining the 4 days being spent in Canberra and the snow. Please be aware that this itinerary may change and that it is included as a guide only.

If your child is participating in the excursion, **we will require a \$60 deposit by Friday 30 March.** The deposit is non-refundable.

Please indicate if your child will or will not be attending. We need to know definite numbers, as this affects the amount to be charged to families. If the deposit is not received by this date it will be assumed that your child is not attending.

Departure: Tuesday, 21 August at 6:10 am

Return: Friday, 24 August at approximately 6:30 pm

Travel: Sid Fogg & Sons Coach – air conditioned and fitted with seat belts.

Accommodation: Gold Creek Resort, Gold Creek Village, O’Hanlon Place, Nicholls

Please note that this price does not include:

- * Lunch & Recess on Day 1 or Evening Meal on Day 4 (possibly McDonalds)
- * Items of a personal nature (souvenirs)

Consent forms covering medical, transport and other activities relating to the excursion (what to bring, etc) will be issued to all children attending the excursion in early Term 3.

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CANBERRA EXCURSION YEARS 5 & 6 (21-24 August 2018)

Due 30 March 2018

My child _____ of Class _____

- Will be attending the Year 5 and Year 6 excursion to Canberra 21 - 24 August 2018.
- Will not be attending the Year 5 and Year 6 excursion to Canberra 21 - 24 August 2018.
- My \$60 deposit is attached.
- My \$60 deposit was paid online. Receipt no: _____

Signed : _____

Date: _____



Respect, Inspire, Succeed





REDHEAD PUBLIC SCHOOL
4 DAY CANBERRA/SNOW EXCURSION
TUESDAY 21ST TO FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST, 2018

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TUESDAY 21ST AUGUST, 2018:

6.30 a.m. SHARP depart Redhead Public School (*coaches will arrive at 6.15 a.m. to load*) and travel via the Expressway - comfort stop en route then proceed via the Federal Highway, past the unique Lake George to Canberra. Lunch (cut lunch brought from home) either on the way or on arrival in Canberra.

Your driver will highlight points of interest as you make your way into our National Capital. As time permits or at another suitable time your driver will take you up to **Mount Ainslie Lookout** for an overview of Canberra and the 'Parliamentary Triangle'. Students will gain a real understanding of the essence of Walter Burley Griffin's plans for the National Capital. Students can explore the concept of a city built on a straight axis that runs from Mount Ainslie through Parliament House.

You will make your way up ANZAC Parade to the **Australian War Memorial** where you are booked for a visit at **2.00 p.m. (NEED TO ARRIVE 15 MINUTES EARLIER)**. The Australian War Memorial commemorates the sacrifice of Australian men and women who have served in war, through its ceremonial areas, extensive exhibitions and research facilities. The focus of the commemoration is the Hall of Memory, together with the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier, the Pool of Reflection and the Roll of Honour that lists the names of over 102,000 Australian servicemen and women who have died in war. *You are also booked for a 30 minute session in the Discovery Zone at 2.00 p.m. At the end of the day students will stay for the closing of the War Memorial - they will hear 'The Last Post' played, see the lowering of the flag and 2 representatives from the school will lay a Wreath.*

After a big day proceed to check in at the **Gold Creek Resort, Gold Creek Village, O'Hanlon Place, Nicholls - Ph: (02) 6241 3000** for dinner & overnight.

6.00 p.m. - Dinner (time to be confirmed).

After dinner, the students will make their way on foot across to the **National Dinosaur Museum** where they are booked for a night tour at **7.30 p.m.** They will discover how dinosaurs and other ancient animals lived. Learn how they looked after their young and protected themselves from predators. Investigate why they survived for 180 million years and then suddenly became extinct. See original fossils of plants, ancient fish and invertebrate creatures dating from 500 million years ago. Touch a real 150 million year old dinosaur bone, and many others cast from original fossils. The group will walk back to the Motel for overnight.

WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST, 2018:

6.45 a.m. Breakfast (time to be confirmed).

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*Due to number restrictions the students will spilt into 2 groups - max 45 per group at Electoral Ed. At **8.00 & 8.30 a.m. respectively** the students will undertake a program at the **Electoral Education Centre**. Students view a multi-media audio visual presentation that outlines the development of Australia as a representative of democracy. Students will take part in either an election or referendum role-play.*

In the overlap of programs your driver will take you on a tour through the **Embassy District** where more than 70 foreign countries have established diplomatic missions. Many of the High Commissions and Embassies have been constructed in styles and materials indicative of the architectural traditions of those countries - your Driver will also highlight other points of interest as you drive through our 'National Capital'.

Next the students will make our way to the **Royal Australian Mint** where you are booked for a **guided tour** at **10.30 a.m.** The Duke of Edinburgh, officially opened the Royal Australian Mint, Canberra, on 22nd February 1965. The Mint was commissioned to produce Australia's decimal coinage, which was to be introduced into circulation on 14th February 1966. The Royal Australian Mint holds a place in history as the first mint in Australia not to be a branch of the Royal Mint, London. Since opening in 1965 the Mint has produced over eleven billion circulating coins and has the capacity to produce over two million coins per day, or over six hundred million coins per year. The Royal Australian Mint has struck coins for a number of South Pacific nations. The students may have the opportunity to 'mint' their own coin (at own expense). The coin is made from special blanks and dies, has a special "C" mint mark and comes complete with a special display wallet. It requires \$3 in coin (no 5 cents) and it would greatly assist if you can arrive with sufficient change.

11.30 a.m. Lunch (brought from the motel) at a suitable location.

At **12.30 p.m.** the students are booked for a **guided tour** of the **National Gallery of Australia** - Australia's leading art institution and houses the National Collection.

Next the students will visit the spot where the Captain Cook Memorial Water Jet lifts tonnes of water from the lake into the air & visit **Regatta Point the National Capital Planning Exhibition Centre** at **2.00 p.m.** The Exhibition tells the powerful story of the making of the National Capital, from the aboriginal occupation to the arrival of European settlers. It takes you through the controversial selection of the Limestone Plains site nearly 100 years ago. Walter Burley Griffin's unique design & traces Canberra's rapid growth into one of the worlds truly great landscaped cities. The Exhibition illustrates Canberra's vital role as a symbol of federation & a place that belongs to all Australians. The recently expanded & renovated Exhibition features interactive displays, laser models & innovative audiovisual demonstrations. You can walk through the entire Canberra story from its indigenous links to the modern city which is acknowledged internationally as the world's best landscaped city. The Exhibition offers a breathtaking view of Lake Burley Griffin & the Parliamentary zone.

We will then make our way to the meeting place of the nation, **Parliament House** - it is located on a 32-hectare site on Capital Hill and is the focal point of Canberra. Opened on 9 May 1988 by Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. The unique blend of impressive architecture, a stunning art collection and beautiful landscape makes Parliament House one of Australia's most significant and popular cultural attractions.

3.30 p.m. the students will have '**Hospitality**'.

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(Due to number restrictions the students will then split into 2 groups - max 50 per group).

4.00 p.m. *(in their separate groups)* the students will undertake a **Guided Tour** with a visit to **the Senate** and **the House of Reps.**

5.30 p.m. - Dinner (time to be confirmed).

This evening you will visit the **Australian Institute of Sport**. The Students are booked at **7.00 p.m.** for a **guided tour** which may be conducted by one of Australia's top Athletes. Students will see not only world class training facilities used by our athletes but also areas used for national & international competition. The group will also be able to test their skills in 'Sportex' - the interactive sports exhibit. Return to the Motel for overnight.

THURSDAY 23RD AUGUST, 2018:

6.00 a.m. Breakfast (time to be confirmed).

6.45/7.00 a.m. we depart for **Cooma**, the gateway to the Snowy Mountains.

****NB. As your visit to the Snowy Mountains is during the 'Snow Season' travel arrangements may have to be changed due to road & weather conditions in the interest of passengers' safety.**

8.30 a.m. the school is booked at the **Snowy Hydro Information Centre** in Cooma.

Approx. 9.00 a.m. Pick up snow gear ('fun pak' pants/parka/walk boots) from Rhythm Snow Sport.

Proceed into the **Kosciusko National Park** by coach and then onto the snowfields (**Smiggin Holes/Perisher Valley**) where students may take an optional Ski Tube Ride to Mt. Blue Cow or a ride on the Quad Chairlift (at own expense).

Lunch (brought from the motel) at the snow.

Approx. 2.00/2.30 p.m. *(liaise with driver)* after lunch and some 'snow fun' depart for return. Return snow gear to Cooma and proceed back to the Motel for diner.

7.00 p.m. Dinner (time to be confirmed).

Evening free at Motel to prepare for checkout tomorrow.

FRIDAY 24TH AUGUST, 2018:

6.30 a.m. Breakfast (time to be confirmed) **& check out.**

You will start your final morning at **8.30 a.m.** with a visit to **Government House** - set in 53 hectares of gardens, lawns and parkland at "Yarralumla". It has been the official residence of the Governor-General in Canberra since 1927, when the Commonwealth Parliament moved from Melbourne to the national capital. It is here that the Governor-General meets with his Ministers in Executive Council, invests recipients of Australian Honours and Awards, receives visiting heads of state, other dignitaries and the credentials of ambassadors to Australia, and entertains many Australians from all walks of life.

At **10.00 a.m.** the school is booked to visit **Questacon** (*The National Science and Technology Centre*) - this 'hands-on' science centre houses over 150 exhibits in six galleries - time to explore the magic of science - each gallery represents a different aspect of science - including a shuddering room to experience an earthquake. There is also 300 million volts of caged lightning on display and a slippery six-metre drop down a slide, for those who want to really test themselves and many more 'hands on' exhibits.

12.00 noon Lunch (brought from the motel) at a suitable location.

Approx. 12.30/12.45 p.m. after an interesting and informative 4 days join the coach for return journey to Redhead. at a suitable time & location on return journey - to arrive at Redhead Public School by approximately **6.30/7.00 p.m.** (*depending on departure time, stops & traffic*).

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COST INCLUDES:

- * Luxury coach travel with experienced Coach Captain
- * Comprehensive sightseeing & commentary
- * 3 nights dinner, bed & breakfast accommodation at **Gold Creek**
- * Cut lunches on days 2 ,3 & 4
- * Inspection fees at:
 - * War Memorial - D- Zone
 - * National Dinosaur Museum (**night**)
 - * Australian Institute of Sport (**night**)
 - * Snow Gear Hire (**Parka/Pants/Walk Boots**)
 - * Entry to Kosiouszko National Park
 - * Questacon

NOT INCLUDED:

- * Lunch on Day 1 or evening meal on day 4
- * Morning/Afternoon Teas
- * Entry fees other than outlined
- * Optional recreational activities organised by school
- * Items of a personal nature.
- * ***Travel insurance - please note that luggage & personal effects are carried at passengers own risk.***

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