Gosford Public School
3 day Canberra Excursion

Day 1       Wednesday 18 March 2015

6.00am 2 x Coaches arrive at Gosford Public School – load baggage onto coaches
        COACH # 1 = 45 STUDENTS       COACH # 2 = 55 STUDENTS

6.30am Depart Gosford and travel to Canberra with a 30 minute comfort stop
        along the way

12 noon Arrival time into Canberra

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2.00pm Depart the Exhibition Centre

2.30pm National Museum of Australia – Meet the People program
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

Meet the People
An interpretive presentation which introduces students to the lives of some fascinating
people who have made significant contributions to Australia as a nation. Students are then
couraged to explore the galleries under the supervision of their teachers. Activity sheets
are available to help students discover further examples of active citizenship in Australian
history.

4.30pm Depart the Museum and travel to your accommodation

5.00pm Canberra Carotel – family cabins
Multi-share rooms sleeping up to 10 per room – some have private bathroom facilities and
some have shared bathroom facilities
Teachers accommodation is twin/triple share and each have their own private bathroom facilities
All linen, blankets and towels are supplied

5.45pm Dinner supplied by the Carotel

6.45pm Depart the Carotel

7.15pm 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

8.00pm Depart the Lookout and return to the Carotel

8.30pm Arrival time back at the Canberra Carotel
Day 2  Thursday 19 March 2015

6.15am  Breakfast supplied by the Carotel
7.15am  Depart the Carotel

Time this morning to visit Reconciliation Place or the Aboriginal Tent Embassy on the grounds of Old Parliament House

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11.15am  Make your way to Parliament House

**Parliament House**
A visit to Parliament House engages and challenges students while they learn about Australia’s representative democracy in the home of the federal Parliament

11.30am  **Hospitality**
A chance to meet with your Local Member of Parliament if Parliament is sitting. Snacks are provided for students and teachers

12 noon  **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

1.00pm  **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

2.00pm  Lunch on the grounds of Parliament House supplied by Food on the Run
2.40pm  Depart Parliament House

3.00pm  **Australian War Memorial – education program + D-Zone**
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
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Students will participate in the Last Post Closing Ceremony

5.15pm  Depart the War Memorial and return to your accommodation

6.30pm  Dinner supplied by the Canberra Carotel
7.10pm  Depart your accommodation

7.30pm  **Australian Institute of Sport** – guided tour
Discover where Australia's sporting champions are created with an elite athlete as your guide and tour the Australian Institute of Sport. Then experience Sportex – an interactive sports exhibition where students can take part in virtual rowing, riding, skiing, penalty soccer shootouts and more. Plus see amazing sporting memorabilia demonstrating our proud sporting nation and how important sport is to Australia's culture

9.00pm  Depart the AIS and return to your accommodation

### Day 3  Friday 20 March 2015

6.45am  Breakfast supplied by accommodation

7.00am  Load baggage onto coach
8.00am  Depart accommodation

9.00am  **CSIRO Discovery Centre**
A place where students can view modern science laboratories, engage with exciting interactive exhibits, get stuck into hands-on science activities, amaze at an enthralling virtual reality 3D show and participate in a school program that encourages students to wonder and question, value ideas and seek explanations

*(REQUEST HAS BEEN MADE FOR HANDS ON PROGRAM FOR 1 HOUR)*

10.00am  Time for a quick morning tea on the grounds of the CSIRO (choc chip muffin) supplied by Food on the Run

10.20am  Depart the CSIRO

10.30am  **Government House** – guided tour
Government House has been the residence of the Governor-General since 1927 when Parliament moved to the National Capital. Students learn how the Governor-General fulfils her extensive constitutional, ceremonial and community duties. Tours of the house and gardens are conducted by Government House staff and the information presented will contribute to a further understanding of civics and citizenship, different levels of Government and the role of the Governor-General

11.30am  Depart Government House

12.15pm  **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

2.30pm  Lunch on the grounds of Questacon supplied by Food on the Run – PIZZA & a piece of fruit
3.00pm  Depart Questacon and Canberra for return to School

30 minute comfort stop along the way

Boxed lunch (for dinner) is included & supplied by Food on the Run

8.30pm  Arrival time back at Gosford Public School Gosford