



# THE WAY







## YEAR 6 CANBERRA CAMP

On Wednesday 13 March, Year 6 embarked on their last Junior School Camp and journeyed all the way to our Nation's capital of Canberra.

The three day excursion was full of different adventures and lots of new learning experiences each day.

Year 6 completed an education tour of the National capital and were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. We visited where our Prime Minister and local members of parliament meet to discuss and debate laws in the House of Representatives. We also were able to sit in the Senate where our NSW members debate state affairs at Parliament House.

We had an insightful look back at Australia's history at The Australian War Memorial, where we completed a "We will remember them" tour. Students discovered real life stories and the impact our involvement in wars had on Australia. We were involved a variety of remembrance activities including a special ceremony in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. In the Discovery Zone, students were able to learn about the different Defence Forces in a unique way.

The National Capital Exhibition Centre saw students learn about how Canberra came to be the meeting place and our Nation's capital. They learnt about the architects who purposefully designed Canberra, its many important buildings and its ties with the natural landscape. We also took a trip up to the top of Mount Ainslie to see a bird's eye view of Canberra.

Other sites that were visited included The Australian Institute of Sport, The Electoral Education Centre, Telstra Tower and Questacon. Students also engaged fun, physical activities including rock climbing and laser tag.

Year 6 students created some wonderful memories during our time away in Canberra.

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. The Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

### Year 6 Teachers

