

20 November 2023

2024 Year 7 Canberra Tour

Dear Parents and Guardians

Each year, the Year 7 students are provided the opportunity to attend a Canberra Tour. This enrichment tour aims to provide students with an insight into the Australian Parliament, social science, governance, and history. **The dates for this tour are Wednesday 12 to Friday 14 June 2024** (the final three days of Term 2).

We have confirmed accommodation and flights, along with most of the planned activities. Below is a list of venues included in our itinerary:

- Australian War Memorial
- Anzac Parade Walk weather permitting
- Questacon
- Parliament House
- Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House)
- Geoscience 1 Group
- National Museum of Australia

- Mt Ainslie lookout time permitting
- The Electoral Education Centre
- CSIRO
- Government House
- National Portrait Gallery
- National Library

Tour Costs include:

- Return airfare between Brisbane and Canberra
- Accommodation at the Sundown Villas (2 nights)
- Breakfasts, lunches, dinners, morning, and afternoon teas
- Coach Charter (while in Canberra)
- Entry and facilitated programs at the venues
- Private coach transfers between the Secondary Campus and the Brisbane Domestic Airport

The fees for this non-compulsory tour will be approximately \$1500.

Costs will be finalised once the tour numbers are known. A payment schedule will be prepared and communicated when final costings are known. It is anticipated the second deposit will be due in late January 2024.

If you would like your child to attend the Canberra Tour, please confirm their place by completing the Year 7 Canberra Tour acceptance and deposit found in Parent Lounge. Acceptance and payment of the \$200 non-refundable deposit is due by Thursday 30 November 2023.

By paying the Non-refundable deposit, you are committing to the tour and meeting all payments by the due dates. If we do not reach the minimum number, the tour will not proceed, and the \$200 Non-refundable payment will be returned.



Please note, the Year 7 Canberra tour is different to Year 7 Camp. Year 7 camp is a compulsory activity for all Year 7 students. The Year 7 camp occurs in February and camp fees are paid via a levy. The Year 7 Canberra tour is a non-compulsory tour. Non-compulsory tours cannot be billed to College fee accounts and paid via Edstart.

It is the policy of the College that participation in College tours is conditional on all College fees being up to date. If you have any questions about the Senior Years Snow Tour, please get in contact with the tour coordinator, Ann Haines-Shipman (<u>ahaines-shipman@tsac.qld.edu.au</u>)

Yours sincerely

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