16 February 2015

Year 6 Canberra Tour: 29 March – 2 April 2015

Dear Parents

All Year 6 boys will be participating in a trip to Canberra in the last week of Term 1. This will be a rich and rewarding experience for all students and staff involved.

This tour is one of the ‘big experiences’ at Christ Church and is therefore a compulsory part of the School curriculum. The cost is inclusive of your 2015 school fees. Accommodation will be at the Ibis Styles Eaglehawk hotel.

The information below includes key dates and times as well as other important details.

Staff
Mr Richard Wright, Mrs Maria Hodges, Mrs Lisa Venn, Ms Jenny Giudice, Mrs Rachael Durston, Mrs Paula Ellis, Mrs Kim Malajczuk, Mrs Stephanie Bull, Miss Kirrily Mitchell, Ms Hailey Cox, Miss Caitlin Allen-Williams, Mr Peter Williamson, Mr Jay Pyefinch and Mr Heath Pozzi.

Flight details
Sunday 29 March  Qantas QF718  Depart Perth at 3.35pm  Arrive in Canberra at 10.30pm
Thursday 2 April  Qantas QF719  Depart Canberra at 7.30pm  Arrive in Perth 9.05pm

Proposed itinerary
Sunday 29 March  Depart Perth
Dinner on the plane
Arrive Canberra

Monday 30 March  (boys wear smart casual)  Breakfast
Government House
Royal Australian Mint
Embassy Drive
Cockington Green Gardens
Australian Institute of Sport (AIS)
Dinner at AIS

Tuesday 31 March  (boys wear formals)  Breakfast
Museum of Australian Democracy
High Court
Mount Ainslie
Parliament House
Dinner at hotel
Wednesday 1 April
(boys wear formals)
Breakfast
National Film and Sound Archive
National Portrait Gallery
Australian War Memorial
Last Post Closing Ceremony and Wreath Laying
ANZAC Parade
Dinner at hotel

Thursday 2 April
(boys wear smart casual)
Breakfast
National Archives
National Gallery
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Depart Canberra (Qantas flight QF719)
Dinner on the plane
Arrive home in Perth

Teachers will be discussing the intended outcomes of the trip with their classes and the boys will be completing a number of learning tasks linked to this event.

Boys will be required to wear smart casual clothes or their formals during the trip as well as their CCGS sports tracksuit jacket, as this will be worn at the airports and other times as specified by staff. The trip is over five days so boys are encouraged (with guidance from parents) to pack the appropriate clothing. **BOYS** should pack their own bags before departing, as staff will not be packing for the boys on their return journey. A washing bag would also be beneficial, as the boys will not have laundering facilities. **No electronic devices** please, including mobile phones. The only exception to this rule is a camera (not in another device).

Below is a summary of some of the information the boys will be told as a guide for you as parents:

- Boys need to pack their own belongings before they leave so that they have the experience of doing this for the return leg.
- Boys are required to wear casuals and their CCGS sports tracksuit jacket when travelling. They can have a small carry-on bag. **Please be at the airport at 2.00pm for the group check in.**
- Boys need to bring at least two books to read – these can be read on the plane and there will be reading time before the boys go to bed each night.
- Boys may bring $60 spending money for souvenirs and gifts.
- All boys will be wearing School formals on two occasions during the trip. A spare white School shirt would be beneficial.
- All boys will arrive back at **9.05pm** on Thursday 2 April. Boys need to be collected from the Domestic Airport after saying goodbye to their teacher.
- **Please see the attached list as a guide for what boys need to bring.**

Importantly, the boys are representing Christ Church Grammar School while we are away. We have extremely high expectations with the way students conduct themselves in this environment and will assist the boys to meet these expectations.

Please fill out the attached medical advice form and return to Prep School Reception by the end of Week 3 (20 February).

The Year 6 Parent Sundowner will be held on Sunday 15 March, commencing at 5.30pm, which will also provide further details about the tour.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact your son’s teacher in the first instance. We look forward to seeing you at the sundowner.

Yours sincerely

**Maria Hodges**
Director of Pastoral Care, Planning and Co-curricular (Deputy Head)
Requirements for Year 6 Canberra Tour

Below is a checklist for the Canberra Tour that may help you with packing.

The boys are required to wear smart casual clothes to the Domestic Airport on Sunday 29 March. They must bring their CCGS sports tracksuit jacket to wear at the airport for easy identification. On Tuesday and Wednesday, they will wear their formal uniform for Parliament House and the War Memorial. The boys will travel home in their casuals with their sports tracksuit jacket.

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