

Canberra and Sydney Education Tour 2026

PARENT INFORMATION BOOKLET

The King's College is currently planning an educational tour to Sydney and Canberra in 2026. Students currently in Years 8-10 (in 2025) are invited to register for this tour. The tour will run for 7 days and 6 nights, including 5 nights in Canberra, and 1 full day in Sydney. The tour will cover various aspects of the curriculum from History, Civics, Art, Science, Media, and Physical Education.

DATES

Leave Perth: Friday 3rd July 2026

Return to Perth: Thursday 9th July 2026

ACCOMMODATION

Sydney: YHA Sydney. Likely 4-6 students per room with an ensuite.

Canberra: Canberra Park. 4 students per room with an ensuite. Purpose-built for student accommodation.

PROPOSED ACTIVITIES/PLACES TO VISIT

Mount Ainslie Lookout

 Australian **National Museum**

ANZAC Parade

 High Court of Australia

Australian War Memorial

National Gallery of Australia

Parliament House

Sydney Darling

Old Parliament House

Harbour

Questacon

Sydney Opera

National Film &

House

Sound Archive

Taronga Zoo

PROPOSED PRICING

Given current quotes, the cost of the tour will be \$2,000 to \$2,400. This covers all aspects of the Study Tour including flights, accommodation, food and venue entry. There are two opportunities for snacks in transit purchases.

This figure may change slightly due to certain components of the budget which cannot be finalised yet (e.g., flights).

Payment is to be made in 3 stages.

- 1st payment (deposit) of \$300 due 10th April 2025
- 2nd payment of \$900 due 17th October 2025
- 3rd and final payment of \$TBC (approx. \$800-\$1100) due 20th February 2026

STUDENT REGISTRATION

A registration link will be sent out to all Year 8 to 10 students, and parent SEQTA Direct Message accounts at 6pm on Monday 7th April. The link will also be emailed to parents who attended the info night.

Parents will be alerted via email if a student has secured a place on the tour. A deposit of \$300 is payable by Thursday 10th April 2025. Please be advised that unfortunately, we cannot accept credit card payments for the study tour. Payments are to be made by direct deposit and QKR.

For parents choosing to make their payments online, please use the following details:

Account Name: The King's College

BSB: 055-159

Account Number: 10958294

Description: Canberra + Student name

Your child's place on the tour is not held until the form is completed and the deposit has been received. You cannot submit registration or payment on behalf of another parent/child.

Note - Please be aware that we are unable to accept deposits or subsequent study tour payments if your child has any outstanding school fees at the time each payment is made for the study tour. This still applies even if a different party is paying for the Study Tour (e.g., grandparents).

SELECTION PROCESS

Students will be selected based on a 'first come first served' basis, with the place reserved upon our receipt of your completed registration form and the deposit payment of \$300. The link to register will be sent out Monday 7th April at 6pm to students' email. This is to allow families some time to organise the deposit.

A maximum of 45 students will be selected for the tour. A waiting list will be created for those students who miss out on a position. Students on the waiting list may be offered a place if other registered students withdraw from the Study Tour.

Students who have attended the tour previously in 2024 are welcome to apply again. However, for fairness they are required to wait until Wednesday (two days later) to lodge an application.

In the unlikely event, the tour does not reach the minimum number of students, the deposit money will be refunded promptly.

Students will not be allowed to attend the Canberra Tour if in 2026, prior to the tour, they lose their Good Standing (p. 11 of the school diary).

Students who are selected for the Canberra Tour will be notified via their parents' email.

DISCIPLINE POLICY DURING THE TOUR

Standard school rules and expectations apply during the tour. If a student is sent back from the tour early due to disciplinary reasons, the flights will be charged at the parent's expense.

Reasons for being sent back:

- Wandering away from the tour.
- Being found in the opposite gender's accommodation.
- Alcohol or drugs found on student.
- Aggressive or abusive behaviour toward staff or students.

CLOTHING STANDARD

Students will be allowed to wear free dress but must dress in a neat and respectable manner, following the Free Dress Day Guidelines in the diary (p.17).

Students will always need to wear their study tour jackets while in public; this has been included in the overall cost of the tour.

On one occasion in Canberra, the students will be required to wear full school winter uniform, including blazers. Girls are required to have the recently updated uniform, including shirt and skirt/pants.

USE OF MOBILE PHONES

The use of mobile phones is permitted but limited during free time. Phone use will be restricted during tours. Phones are not permitted in rooms at night. A secure charging station will be provided for students.

SPENDING MONEY

The recommended spending money is \$50 minimum to \$200 maximum for optional additional costs during the tour (souvenirs, shopping, snacks, etc).

MEDICAL INFORMATION

Due to duty of care issues, it is a requirement that staff are made aware of **all** medical issues prior to the trip via the Consent2Go platform. Updates can be made via the web browser link below:

https://www.mcbschools.com/thekings/studentupdate

To allow for the best care for the students, it is a vital requirement that all mental health issues are included in the medical information regardless of whether the student requires medication. This information will be kept confidential by the tour organiser. For further discussion on this point, please contact Ms Alyssia Rudd.

REFUNDS

All deposit money is non-refundable.

GOVERNMENT REBATE

The school will receive a small government rebate for each student attending the tour. This has already been worked into the overall cost of the tour. Students who have claimed this rebate previously are able to claim it a second time.

DISCLAIMER

Due to changing cost of flights, accommodation, and changing availability, some details may change slightly. In the event of an alteration to the above information, a notification will be sent via email.

FURTHER QUESTIONS

If you have any enquiries or concerns, feel free to contact Ms Alyssia Rudd.

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