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Year 5/6 Canberra Excursion

Monday 2nd November - Friday 6th November 2026

MONDAY DEPARTURE Departure Time: 7:15am St Patrick's School. Please arrive at 6:45am.

The school will arrange all meals for the trip to Canberra on Monday. Each student is required to bring their own water bottle on the bus.

Chewing gum and bubble gum of any sort are banned at all times.

MOBILE PHONES, IPADS AND SMART WATCHES: Children **will not be permitted** to take these items for any reason.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY: The following arrangements will be in place where parents can contact us- school mobile 0428772328

In an emergency, a staff member will immediately ring the child's family and remain in regular contact.

MEDICATION*:* ALL medication (including travel sickness medication) needs to be clearly labelled with the child's name and dosage particulars. Any medication included on the medical form must be included, as well as anything you think your child may need e.g. Panadol. The teachers will not be able to administer any medication without parental permission.

Medication needs to be placed in a zip lock bag and given to the teacher on the morning of departure.

POSSESSIONS*:* The children are expected to be responsible for their own possessions. These include wallets, money, etc. Please consider carefully, the items that would be better off left at home. The busy itinerary does not allow very much "free time" and when there is a suitable gap the students are encouraged to participate in physical games or activities.

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BEHAVIOUR: Every child has the right to enjoy the excursion and to be safe. With this right comes the responsibility to behave, allow others to feel safe, to enjoy the excursion and to represent the school well.

In cases of severe misbehaviour, parents/guardians would be expected to come to Canberra and collect their child. Severe misbehaviour could include incidents such as: vandalism, physical abuse of a child or adult, constant disobedience, leaving the group, stealing.

"LIGHTS OUT" MEANS SILENCE: Children with inadequate sleep spoil the excursion for themselves and others. We will be enforcing this rule strictly and consequences may apply eg. missing an activity the following day if this rule is not adhered to.

SPENDING MONEY: Spending money. Up to $100 can be taken for souvenirs etc plus $15 in case we stop at McDonald's on the return trip. The students will be required to give their spending money to Mr Hyatt and Mrs Makeham on the morning of departure and they will distribute the money back to the student when they would like to purchase something during the excursion.

WHAT TO BRING:

- Full summer uniform will be needed for the day we visit Parliament House (Thursday)
- Tidy casual clothes will be needed for the other days. Canberra's climate is similar to Walcha but can be a little cooler, being further south. Please label all clothing.
- A hat or cap.
- One towel needs to be packed. Other linen is provided.
- Toiletries- including soap and shampoo as these won't be provided. No spray deodorants or insect repellent as these can trigger asthma
- Sunscreen
- Large plastic bag for dirty clothes (to keep inside your main bag)
- Reading material, cards, puzzles etc for the bus
- G or PG DVDs (clearly named and given to supervising parent on arrival or to the teacher prior to the excursion, to watch on the bus)
- Pillow

LUGGAGE: One small day bag on the bus and one main bag under the bus. Please keep the main bag as small as is practical. Children will not have access to the main bags when travelling on Monday and Friday. Anything needed for Monday's trip to Canberra and Friday's trip back to Walcha needs to go in the small bag, that is on the bus.

Itinerary

Day 1: Monday 2nd November

6:45am Leave St Joseph's School, Uralla

7:15am Leave St Patrick's School, Walcha

6:30pm Dinner at accommodation, Canberra Park

Day 2: Tuesday 3rd November

7:00am Breakfast @ Canberra Park

9:00am National Arboretum

11:00am Government House

12:30pm Packed lunch

1:30pm Royal Australian Mint

3:00pm National Museum of Australia

5:30pm Australian Institute of Sport

7:45pm Dinner at Canberra Park

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Day 3: Wednesday 4th November

7:30am Breakfast at Canberra Park

9:00am Mount Ainslie Lookout

10:00am National Portrait Gallery

11:30pm High Court

12:30pm Packed Lunch

1:30pm Questacon

4:00pm Zone Bowling

7:30pm Dinner at accommodation

Day 4: Thursday 5th November

8:00am Breakfast at Canberra Park

9:00am Parliament House

11:00am National Electoral Education Centre

12:30pm Packed lunch

1:30pm Museum of Australian Democracy (MOAD)

3.45pm Australian War Memorial

4:45pm Depart for Accommodation

6:30pm Dinner at accommodation

Day 5: Friday 6th November

Packed Takeaway Breakfast

6:30am Depart Canberra

Packed Lunch

5 - 6pm ETA Walcha & Uralla