

## The Parliament of NSW

On a cloudy but warm day the whole of stage three were striding down Macquarie Street, one of the most iconic streets in the CBD of Sydney. Where were they going? To the state Parliament House. They were all excited to see the meeting of the liberal party and the opposition. When Stage 3 arrived they were met with the police, searching them head to toe. Then, one at a time, they went through a metal frame that detects metal. As each of them took a nervous step through, they were given the all clear.

Stage 3 was seated in an old grand room, surrounded by hundreds of books. It was the Parliament library. To their surprise, a 15 minute alarm went off, signalling to all the members of parliament that it was nearly time to start. The children got to watch the session from another room on a white board, with a projector. The members of parliament came into the room single file and took their places on the old chairs that were there from many years ago. Their weapons - words.

They were behaving worse than the students, all the teachers agreed. The Madam speaker yelled "Order!" over all the yelling. Finally it was time for the adventurous children to return the accommodation. As they boarded the bus, there was one final "Order!"

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