

Day 1

Monday 28th October

We left bright and early at 6:30 am. Everyone was very excited to hit the road with a long journey ahead. We played with fidgets until we got to Albury for morning tea and a toilet stop. After a few more hours on the bus of chatting with my friends we arrived in Gundagai for Lunch and a play on the park. After stretching our legs and more kilometers on the road we finally arrived in Canberra, National Capital Exhibition. This is where we learnt about the Parliament Triangle and the man-made lake, Lake Burley Griffin. We also got hands on to see if we could design our own city like Walter Burley Griffin who originally designed Canberra in 1901.

By now it was 4pm where we drove up to Mt Ainsley and we overlooked our beautiful Capital City Canberra. Then we went to Country Cabin Capital Holiday Park where we made home for the next 4 nights. We all had responsibilities for example my cabin had to unpack the luggage from the bus. We were in cabin number 5.

We had a couple minutes spare to unpack and settle into our cabins before we were gathered to have our evening meal. This consisted of Chicken Snitzel, chips and salad but the best part was the Milo ice cream for dessert.

7pm kicked around very fast as we played games in the camp conference room until 8:30pm. After a long exhausting day, we settled into our cabins to do our night routines, with lights out at 10:00pm.

By Tommee



Day 2- Tuesday 29th October

By Urijah

THE SECOND DAY

At 6:00am Miss L came around to each cabin and woke us up. Then at 6:30 we met up did roll call and then went over to have breakfast which was eggs, bacon and cereal. Then we all got on the bus and went to our first venue of the day which was the National Electoral Centre at old Parliament House. Once we made it there learnt how an election works by acting out what happens at a polling place. Then we went and ate at old Parliament House rose garden. After we went to MOAD at old Parliament House where we learnt about Australia democracy. After we had lunch, boarded the bus and drove to the National Gallery of Australia. We had a look at the wonderful art and then drove to the royal Australia mint.

At the mint we got to learn about how coins are made and the history behind them. Finally we all went back to camp, had dinner but the day was still not over. We all got back on the bus went back into Canberra and went to an arcade. There we got to play some really fun arcade games and play lazar tag! My favourite part was definitely the lazar tag especially because I got to shoot Mrs Cassetta. At about 10:00pm we arrived back at camp and all went to bed at around 10:30pm.





The Electoral Education Centre

The electoral education centre was so fun. First we watched a movie with a bunch of cool holograms then we played on the big screens of Democracy. Lastly we got to act like we did an actual vote and we learnt how to count the votes.

By Sophia

Day 3

Wednesday 30th

October

We woke because of the sun shining bright in my eyes, my friends were telling me to get up. We did our morning routines and then went outside where we met up for roll call, we got a 9.7 out of 10 for roll call so that meant we got to go first to breakfast. Our breakfast was very delicious because we had pancakes with maple syrup. After a yummy breakfast we went to Australian National Botanic Gardens where we had a one in a lifetime experience seeing all of the magnificent, and gorgeous flowers. There was also a tree house, teepee and we also went to see the Gippsland water dragon with its unique patterns on its skin. It was now 10:00 and it was time for morning tea where we had fruit for morning tea. Next, we went to the Australian Institute of Sport where most of the Australian professional athlete's train. We saw the swimming pool, volleyball courts, gymnasiums and the sprinters, we found out that this sprinter that ran 100 meters in less than 10 seconds leg pressed more than 700 kilograms at once and he had to get his friends to sit on the bar because they ran out of weights. We had lunch just outside of the Parliament House on the grass. Not long after this we looked at the House of Representatives and the Senate, which is the lower house for the reps. After all the learning we enjoyed some frozen yoghurt for afternoon tea. Arriving back to camp around 4:30 pm. We did our nightly routines along with some cabin time. Dinner was early as we headed off to Questacon, where the vertical slide was huge. We saw some really interesting science including caged lightning and marble races. Afterwards we went back to camp to have a good night sleep for a jam-packed day tomorrow.

By Tommee





Australian institute of sport

The Australian institute of sport was one of my favourite places. Before having a tour we stopped at the gift shop there where there were customised A.I.S tee-shirts, balls, keychains and even teddys. After everyone got something we started our tour at Sportex where there were virtual games of mostly every sport. My favourite was the penalty shoot out and I really wanted to try the skiing game but too many people were on it. After around 45 minutes in sportex we got a tour of the gym, the pool, the volleyball training courts and the gymnastics where we saw 5 men training they did cool flips and twist and turns in the air.

By Sophia

Day 4

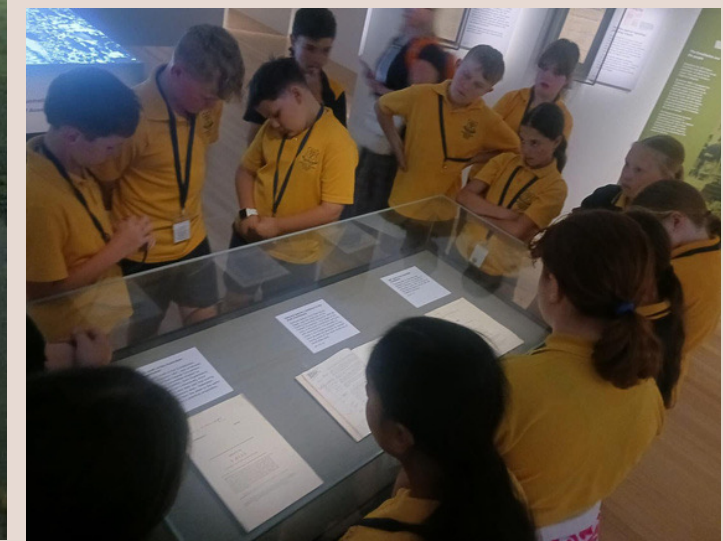
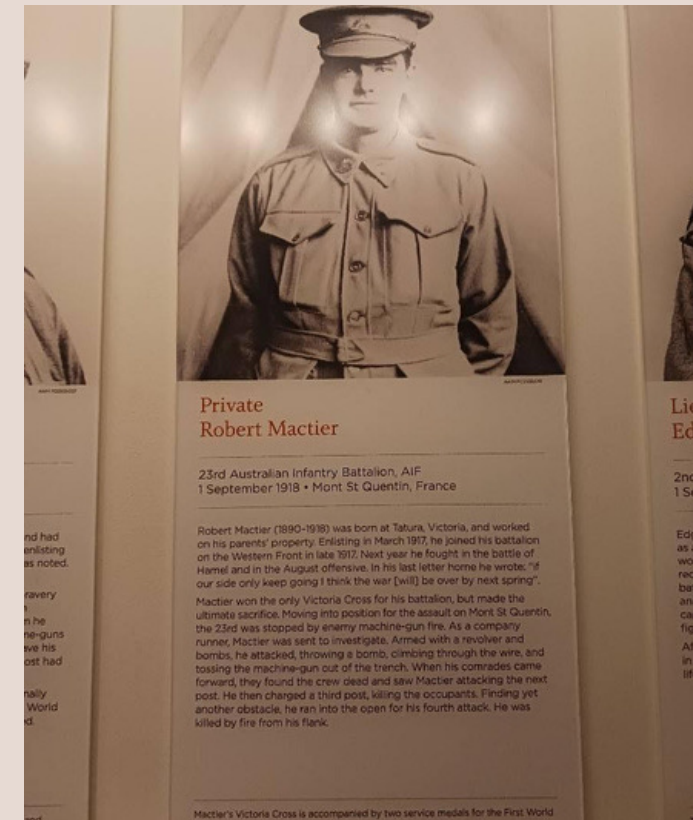
Thursday 31st October

Opening our eyes at 6:15 am after a late night of fun we only had a half hour to get ready for the day. Breakfast consisted of cereal, toast and hashbrowns.

Everyone was dressed in full school uniform to visit the Australian War Memorial. We were here for an hour where we learnt about the past soldiers and Victorian cross winner Robert Mactier who was a local veteran. This was a massive eye opener as we got further into the guided tour, we learnt about the unknown soldier that represents all the of people that have died in battle for our country to make Australia what it is today. "We will remember them"

11:00am we had an education session booked at the National Museum. Our instructor taught us about Indigenous places around Australia and the names for them in their traditional language. Along with Nova Peris who became the first Indigenous Olympic gold medalist in 1996 which made history.

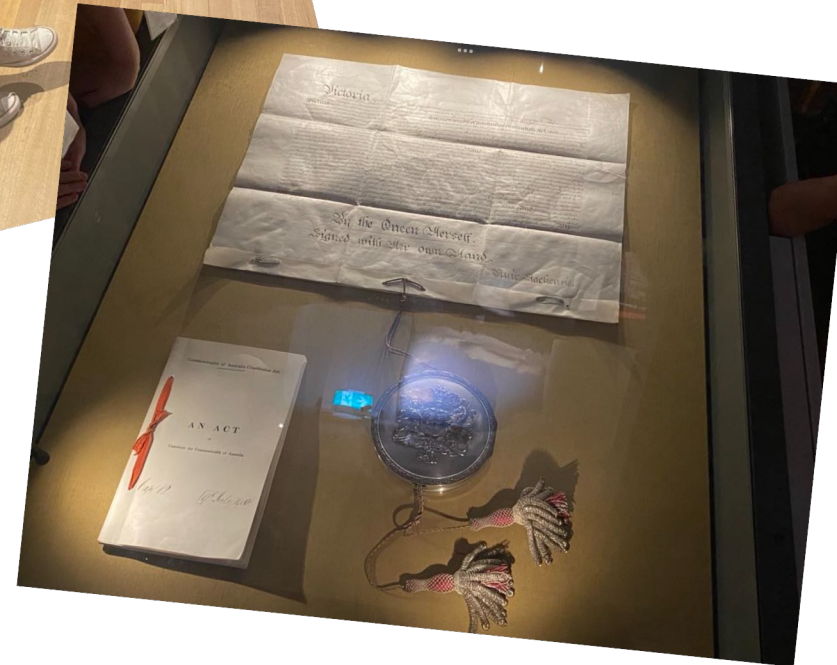
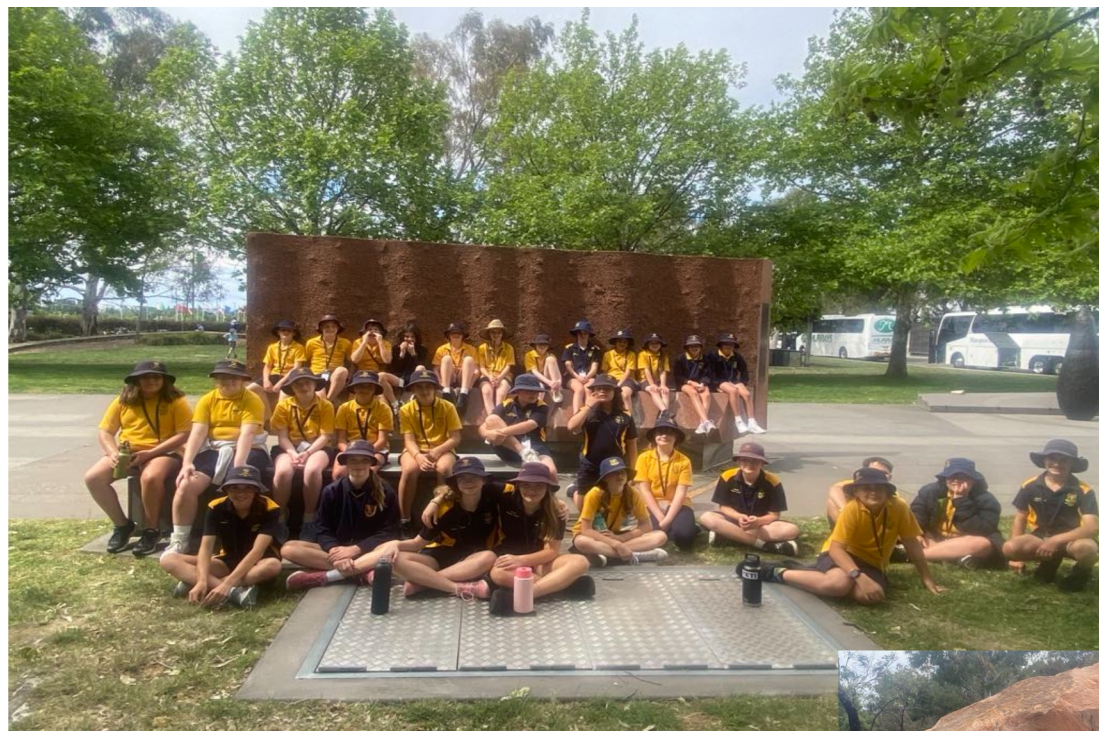
After learning all morning, we had salad wraps for lunch. After lunch we drove the Embassies of all the countries to find ourselves at Reconciliation Place Education Program. Afterwards we went to the National Australian Archives where we had to take a test to see if we could pass the dictation test in 1901, where if you could pass you were allowed in Australia, it consisted of 50 words, and you had to write them down whilst the person was telling you the words. People could make you take the test as many times as they wanted, and as many different languages as they want. It was 5:00pm now when we got back to camp, and we had an hour to chill in our cabins. After that we went to have dinner which consisted of Roast Beef, vegetables and Wedges. between 7:00 and 8:00 we played soccer on the grass. Because we had been so good at camp the teachers decided to host an Amazing Race, it was really entertaining and at the end we got a lolly bag each. After a tiring day we went back to our cabins and did our nightly routines and packed up our cabins. **By Tommee**



Thursday's Venues

Thursday was our last day of activities in Canberra. First, we went to the Australian War Memorial. It had lots of information about the wars and soldiers and was very interesting. After that was the National Museum of Australia which was mostly focused on Indigenous people and their culture. We then drove past the Australian Embassies, went to the National Archives of Australia, and visited the Reconciliation Place.

By Elisa N



Day 5

Friday 1st November

On our last day on this amazing camp, we got up at 6:15 and did our morning routines.

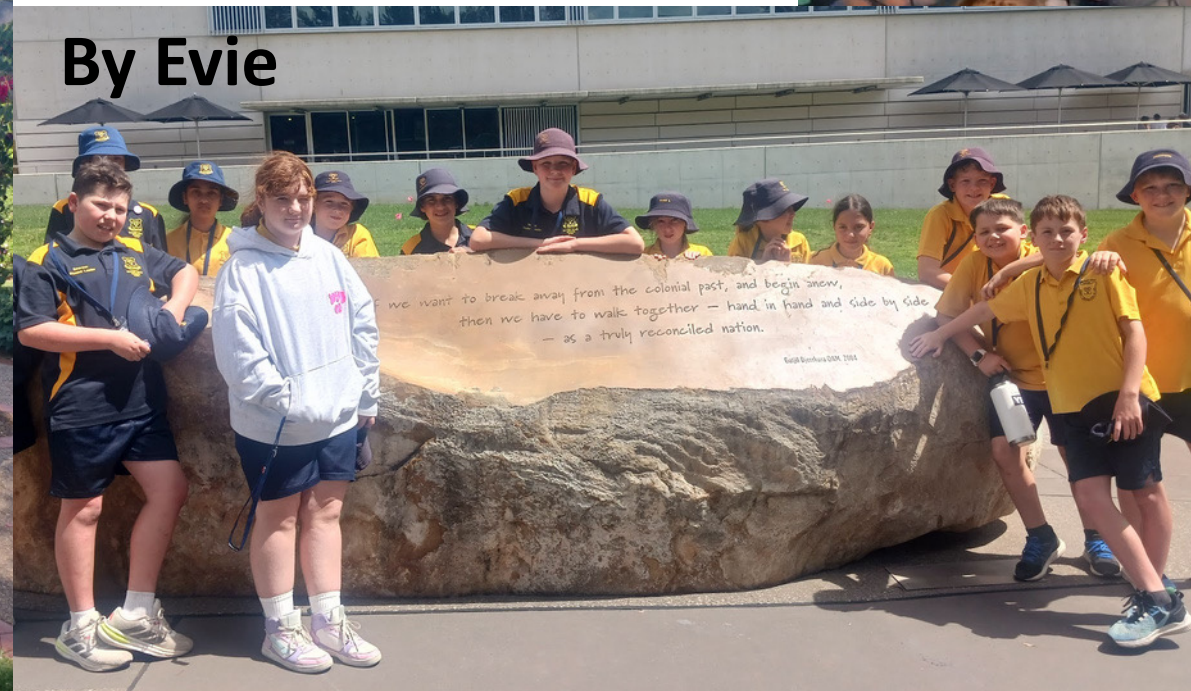
When we had finished our morning routines, we gathered together for our last breakfast. We loaded the bus and departed for home. We tried to watch a movie but the tv wasn't working. We stopped at Holbrook at the submarine for lunch to stretch our legs. This gave us some more energy to sing songs for the last stretch of our trip.

Afternoon tea was in Albury, and we had chips and played rugby on the big oval. Everyone was exhausted but super happy to be home with their loved ones and in their own bed.

I was super grateful to attend this camp to make lifelong memories with my friends and expand my knowledge of Canberra.

By Tommee





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