



# CRAZY FOR CANBERRA

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## CANBERRA CAMP

Last Tuesday 21st – Wednesday the 22nd of October, Stage 3 travelled to Canberra for camp as part of our rich task on Democracy and Governance.

During the trip we visited many different tourist attractions such as The National Portrait Gallery, Parliament House, The National War Memorial, The National Dinosaur Museum, Questacon, Embassies, Australian Institute of Sport and Maccas (McDonalds). What happened at all of these different places? Did they survive, with sleepless nights and early mornings?

This Tuesday happened to be my birthday, we woke up at about 5.30am to be at school by 6.00. We hopped on the bus and drove to Canberra.

The first place we went was the National Portrait Gallery

(N.P.G ). When we arrived at the N.P.G we were toured around and then examined Ned Kelly's death mask. It was pretty gruesome. A death mask is plaster which was molded around the face after someone has died in memory of them.

But my most favourite part of the trip was the War Memorial. When we arrived we began to walk around looking at all the exhibits. We watched many confronting videos, which I'm pretty sure scared most of us.

Later in the day we were able to look at some weapons used in the real war. The best part of the War Memorial was the life-like bunker. It really made me feel like I was in the war. Beginning to know what it felt like to be in the war was more confronting than

it started off. At the end of our time in the War Memorial we visited the Poppy Wall. This wall is where the names of fallen relatives are. This is where you could put a poppy next to their name.

Mackenzie found her grandpa's name on the wall, "It was very depressing!" Mackenzie cried.

On the second day of camp we went to Questacon. We visited many different places in Questacon, the best part was the 7 metre drop. Maeve, Year 5, "I really loved the free fall and I also loved the illusions."

We all had a great time.

All in all, I loved camp and it was one of the best birthdays ever.

### Special Points:

- Questacon
- Maccas, soft serve
- YMCA, Bush Capital Lodge
- Bus ride



Bus ride to Canberra



Stage 3 outside the War Memorial



Questacon, Illusions Gallery