

# ONE NIGHT OF CAPITAL MADNESS

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Stage 3's trip to Canberra for one night was an amazing experience for both the teachers and the students. They visited lots of places including Parliament House, the National War Memorial and the National Dinosaur museum.

The Stage 3 students from Mount Keira Demonstration School traveled to Canberra for their annual camp for a fun learning experience on the 21st and 22nd of October. The students had to get to school by 6:15 for departure at 6:30. It took about 3 and a half hours to get to Canberra and their first stop was The National Portrait Gallery.

"The National Portrait Gallery was interesting and I could relate to some of the artist's works." quoted Charlie, Year 5. All the students were amazed at all the artworks.

The next visit was Parliament House. The students were very pleased to see inside since they had been learning about governments and Parliament House. Gough Whitlam had died so the students were very lucky to see Tony Abbott and the other members of parliament saying their condolences.

"The war Memorial was very interesting as it had lots of replicas and original planes and clothes they had in the war." quoted Darcy, Year 6. In the war memorial the students went on a self-guided group tour and all the children and teachers were amazed at all the original war objects including clothes, guns and there was even an old water bottle.



The stage 3 class of Mt Keira Demonstration School out the front of The National Dinosaur Museum

The students all went to their lodge after their fun filled day and had dinner. They were very excited for their next stop, The National Dinosaur Museum for a night tour. After their last stop for the day, all the students went to bed. Unfortunately, most of the students didn't get much sleep but that didn't stop them getting up and ready for Questacon in the morning.

When Stage 3 arrived at Questacon they were very excited, even though people had been there before. "I was super excited for the Free Fall at Questacon!" stated Emily, Year 6. The Free Fall was one of the main attractions, a 7 meter vertical, metal slide in which you hang from a metal bar and drop. It was definitely the favourite of the whole trip.

The stage 3 students then went for a drive around the embassies and headed for the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) for lunch. Students then had a tour of the AIS. They saw lots of places like the Gym where stage 3 saw a few paralympians; the pool and a games room. The games room had lots of simulations of the actual sports.

The Stage 3 students day was finished and it was time to go back home after their eventful trip. Lots of people slept on the bus and were treated by Mrs Robinson (stage 3's teacher) and Mr Boyd (stage 3's Pre-service teacher) with a soft serve Ice Cream.