

EXCURSION DILEMMA

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A Germey bus, a sleepless night, how could this fun filled excursion go wrong for Stage 3.

At 6:30 on the 21st of October 28 students and 3 teachers from Mount Keira Demonstration School set off to Canberra to experience a 2 day excursion fully packed with educational visits to Canberra's most known attractions, but first they had to survive the 3 hour boring bus trip.

Once everyone started to arrive at the gates of Mount Keira Demonstration school, disagreement erupted over who will sit where on the bus. All was resolved after everyone got their say. After 3 hours of not so boring time on the bus Stage 3 visited the National Portrait Gallery where they were split into 2 groups and viewed some artworks varying from digital, paint and sculpture pieces of artworks. Ellyssa from year 6 quoted, "I loved the different ways the portraits were portrayed and the stories behind the eye could see."

The next attraction that Stage 3 arrived at was the most important of the whole excursion, Parliament House. Since Parliament House is a pretty big place a tour guide showed Stage 3 around so they could see the main areas of Parliament House in a short amount of time. While Stage 3 were viewing a talk in the House of Representatives about the death of former Prime minister Gough Whitlam, Stage 3 were lucky enough to catch a glimpse of Australia's most resent Prime Minister Tony Abbott.

After a great trip to Parliament House Stage 3 soon set off to the War Memorial. When Stage 3 arrived at the War Memorial they were greeted by a man who showed a video informing them on what they would see in the War Memorial. Ava from year 6 quoted, "I enjoyed all the original remains and replicas of all the wars."



Parliament House (picture above)

Once Stage 3 had dropped their bags off and ate dinner at the YMCA Bush Capital Lodge they set off to the National Dinosaur Museum to learn more about the history of dinosaurs. After Stage 3 had a terrific time at the National Dinosaur Museum they went back to the YMCA Capital Lodge to stay the night, but they didn't expect to have such little time asleep.

In the morning Stage 3 struggled to get out of bed caused by most students only getting 3 hours of sleep. After they had breakfast they soon hopped on the bus and went to the most anticipated fun filled attraction, Questacon. Darcy from year 6 quoted, "The trip to Questacon prepared me for the science fair but in a fun and informative way."

Before Stage 3 had lunch in front of the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) Mr Boyd (Stage 3's Student Teacher) gave an exclusive tour of all the embassies in Canberra.

Then they were shown around the AIS on a tour. It Included a Gymnasium, Volley Ball court, Stadium and inside the main building containing the gift shop and games room.

The AIS was the last place Stage 3 visited before they headed back to Mount Keira Demonstration School to end their Canberra excursion.