

# CRAZY FOR CAPITAL CITY!

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Last Tuesday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October the Stage 3 students of Mount Keira Demonstration School went on an overnight camp to Canberra to learn about democracy and government.



The students of Stage 3 were bursting with excitement as the bus pulled up outside Mount Keira Demonstration School at 6:30am. They packed all their luggage on the bus and hopped on.

After a three hour trip and a few rounds of singing Riptide, Stage 3 pulled up outside the National Portrait Gallery.

*"It was extremely interesting learning about how people express their feelings by using art," Sebastian, Year 6.*



After Stage 3 had finished at the National Portrait Gallery they set off for Parliament House.

The students had a once in a lifetime opportunity to see the House of Representatives in action. Darcy, Year 6 liked the foyer because it was very shiny and made of marble.

Next was the War Memorial where Stage 3 walked around looking at the poppy walls. Zali and Mackenzie, Year 5 enjoyed looking for their grandfather's names on the wall. Zali liked the videos because she loved learning about the wars that have



happened in the past.

From the War Memorial Stage 3 were bubbling with excitement. They all couldn't wait to see where they were going to stay the night.

When they arrived at the YMCA Bush Capital Lodge, Stage 3 were jumping up and down excited to find out who was going to be in their cabin.

After Stage 3 had their dinner they headed off to the Dinosaur Museum.

At the Dinosaur Museum Stage 3 learnt heaps. Mackenzie, Year 5 learnt that

Pterodactyls aren't actually dinosaurs. Jay, Year 5 found out that the closest relatives to dinosaurs alive today are actually birds.

When Stage 3 arrived back at the YMCA Bush Capital Lodge they had showers and dressed in their pyjamas. The teachers Mrs Robinson and Miss Murray allowed the children to watch a bit of TV.

Soon after it was time to climb into bed. The teachers let us talk until lights out at 10:00pm but although the lights went out at ten the students of Stage 3 kept talking until 3:30am!

In the morning the Stage 3 students woke up at 7am and started packing up their cabins. They had breakfast and left for Questacon.

At Questacon, Stage 3 had heaps of fun and learnt lots of new things. *"We loved the air hockey!"* exclaimed Blake and Darcy, Year 6.

*"I enjoyed the Free Fall which was 7 metres tall,"* stated Rhiannon, Year 5.



On the way home from Canberra Stage 3 had a surprise waiting for them. When the bus pulled up at McDonalds Stage 3 were wondering what they were doing. Then Mrs Robinson bought soft serves for everyone in Stage 3.

On the way home a majority of students slept and the other students mucked around.

When Stage 3 arrived home they all left and had an early night.



The final activity in Canberra for Stage 3 was the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS). *"I enjoyed the tours of the AIS thoroughly,"* stated Sam, Year 5.