
Information for Parents



6 June 2017

YEAR SIX 2017 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Dear Parents

Once again, we are looking forward to taking Year 6 students to visit Canberra, our national capital. This excursion is linked closely with our Year 6 HSIE curriculum and will be held in Week 8 of Term 3: **(Sunday, 3 September - Thursday, 7 September)**. The trip has been a tradition over many years, and will be a wonderful opportunity for all Year 6 students, and will provide a special highlight to mark their final year of Primary schooling.

Over the five days we will be visiting many places of interest including the International Cricket Hall Of Fame (lunch break at Bowral), Questacon, Electoral Education Centre, High Court, Australian War Memorial, Royal Australian Mint, Museum of Australian Democracy @ Old Parliament House, National Gallery of Australia, Telstra Tower, National Museum, New Parliament House, National Capital Exhibition and the Australian Institute of Sport.

We have chosen this particular time for the excursion, as Parliament is scheduled to be sitting during this week. The highlight of our trip will be the tour of Parliament House, including a special visit to 'Question Time'. We are hopeful of meeting our local Federal member, Mr Barnaby Joyce, and possibly other parliamentarians who may be available. Another significant highlight will be our afternoon visit on Monday to the Australian War Memorial. This excursion will be 'full on', but we're sure that all the students will thoroughly enjoy this unique learning experience and will gain many benefits from their time in Canberra.

Travel will be by bus, departing from Scone Grammar School **at 7:00am**. We will also make a pick-up at Muswellbrook Railway Station **at 7:30am**. Mr Saunders, Mrs Hunt, Rev Nate and myself will be the supervising teachers, and during our time in Canberra, we will be staying at the Greenhills Conference Centre.

Cost for the excursion will be \$550 / student. As previously advised, this will be added to your Monthly Statements in six instalments (April - September) of \$92 / month.

Would you please complete the permission form attached and return it to the School by Friday, 23 June, together with other requested information.

There is room for up to six parents to join us, and assist in the supervision of the children. We would like to take four mothers and two fathers if possible. The cost for each accompanying parent will be \$275. Please indicate on the attached form if you would like to be considered to attend as a supervising parent. Depending on final numbers attending, it may be necessary for some accompanying parents to travel by car. We will contact selected parents once the parent list is finalised.

On the following pages is a detailed list of other important information and requirements for the trip. If you have any further questions, please contact Mr Saunders, Mrs Hunt or me at the School by phone, email, or through a note in the diary.

Thank you for your assistance.

Mr G Feeney
Head of Primary

YEAR SIX CANBERRA EXCURSION - NOTES

- The bus will leave Scone Grammar School at 7:00am sharp
- **Please be there 15 minutes early.**
- (Muswellbrook Railway Station at 7:30am - **please be there at 7:15am**)
- Return times (Thursday pm) are **approximately:** Muswellbrook 8:00pm and Scone 8:30pm. We will advise parents via the SGS Skoolbag App re our ETA.
- Emergency contact numbers -

Mr Saunders	0409 714 340
Mrs Hunt	0429 654 432
Rev Nate	0468 824 833
Mr Feeney	0407 295 977
- McDonalds money (\$10) in a named envelope - to be handed to either Mr Saunders or Mrs Hunt at the bus, for safe keeping until Thursday evening.
- Children will need **Sunday morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.**
Please note - No nuts in any food.
- All Medication (except for asthma puffers) is to be handed to teachers, along with written dosages and instructions for use. Please advise if there is any additional medical information staff need to know, that is not already on the School database.
- Spending money for souvenirs (not food): \$25 - \$50. There will be limited opportunities for shopping - please assist us with enforcing upper limit).
- Students are to wear full School PE uniform on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday.
- On Monday and Wednesday, full School winter uniform is to be worn.
- Warm casual clothing will be required for the evenings.
- Students will need to bring their iPads, headphones, chargers and charging cables.
- **Students are asked not to bring mobile phones.** Staff will phone parents, immediately if there is any emergency or any other need for contact.
- n.b. A separate note is being sent home re the Year 6 Canberra Jerseys

PACKING LIST

Full School winter uniform (named)	Small pillow for bus (optional)
Full School PE uniform (named)	Spending money
Tracksuit (named)	Small backpack
Warm casual clothes (named)	Toiletries (incl hand sanitizer)
Warm pyjamas (incl. bed socks)	Tissues
Warm underwear (singlets/skivvies etc)	Pens, pencils etc.
Raincoat	Scarf, beanie, gloves
School hat	School jacket
2 coat hangers	Towel
Plastic bag for dirty washing	Pillow Case, Sheets or Sleeping Bag

Small drink bottle, suitable for topping up with water (non spillable)

Sunday lunch, morning tea, afternoon tea, drink. Please note - No nuts in any food!

All items (each individual piece) need to be clearly named / labelled!

*** No mobile phones**

*** NO LOLLIES**

We will supply: Canberra Workbook (iPad version)

Many thanks - happy packing.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA EXCURSION - 2017

Child's Name: _____

I give permission for my child to attend the Year 6 Canberra Excursion from 3-7 Sept, 2017.

I understand Excursion Fees will be added to my Monthly Statements in six instalments (April-September) of \$92 each. (\$550 total)

Signed _____
Parent / Guardian

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Pick up • SCONE / • MUSWELLBROOK
(Sunday, 3 September)

Return • SCONE / • MUSWELLBROOK
(Thursday, 7 September)

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Additional Medical Information:

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- I am interested and available to attend the Year 6 Excursion to Canberra as a parent supervisor, if selected, from Sunday, 3 September to Thursday, 7 September, 2017.
- I am able to take my car if required.
- I am unable to attend the Canberra Excursion as a parent supervisor.

Signed _____
Parent / Guardian