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CANBERRA – THE HEART OF OUR NATION
Educational Rationale: to develop knowledge and understanding of Australian society, making use of the disciplines drawn from geography, history, civics and politics.

SCHOOL – CANBERRA (D)
Monday April 23 2012, DAY 1
We leave school early this morning, at 7.30am, and travel to Canberra making brief stops when and where necessary. We arrive late afternoon in Canberra for four nights accommodation, staying at the Sundown Motel, Jerrabomberra Avenue, Narrabundah ACT 2604 (Ph: 02 6239 0333).

CANBERRA (BLD)
Tuesday April 24 2012, DAY 2
Today’s program will include all of these activities:

You will need to split into 2 groups as follows for this mornings activities–

Group 1 (35+4)
8.30am Electoral Education Centre (allow 1 ½ hours)
The Electoral Education Centre runs topical classes on the federal electoral system for students from upper primary to tertiary level. The centre’s programs are designed to make students aware of the importance of elections and participation in parliamentary democracy.

10.00am Museum of Australian Democracy @ Old Parliament House (allow 1 ¼ hours)
The temporary home of Australia’s Federal Parliament from 1927 – 1988, contains plenty to see. It is a unique venue, highly evocative of Australia’s political history and main characters.
Who’s the Boss?
Who can become prime minister? How is the governor-general chosen? What does the leader of the opposition do? Students will find the answers to these questions and more by getting to know leaders who shaped our nation. Students will visit heritage and exhibition spaces to experience the history and workings of parliament. An ideal beginning of exploration into Civics and Citizenship. This program engages students with role play and group activities.

11.30am High Court of Australia (allow 45 minutes)
The High Court’s role as the pinnacle of the Australian judicial system is reflected in the building’s grand approaches, glass facade, towering hall and elegant courtrooms. Special note should be made of spectacular use of Australian timber in the court rooms.

12.30pm Lunch

Group 2 (60+6)
9.00am &
9.30am Electoral Education Centre (allow 1 ½ hours)
11.00am Museum of Australian Democracy @ Old Parliament House (allow 1 ¼ hours)
12.00pm Lunch
1.00pm High Court of Australia (allow 45 minutes)

Embassies Drive Tour (allow 30 – 45 minutes)
Seventy countries have diplomatic representation in Canberra and many of these missions reflect their country’s architectural style. The Indonesian and Papua New Guinea missions operate cultural centres which you can visit. Don’t miss the stunning Embassy of China which is built in traditional pagoda style.

2.00pm Parliament House Guided Tour (allow 1 hour)
Guided Tours will provide an insight into the historical and architectural significance of Parliament House. When Parliament is in session, groups can observe proceedings from the sound-proofed galleries.

3.00pm Parliament House Education Program (allow 1 hour)
Parliament House is the focus of Australian democracy. The Educational programs explain the responsibilities and procedures of Australia’s Federal Parliament.

4.00pm Parliament House Hospitality (allow ½ hour)

Return to accommodation for dinner.

7.30pm Cockington Green
A miniature village – a meticulous recreation of larger counterparts in Great Britain along with an array of international and Australian buildings of historical and cultural significance.

CANBERRA (ANZAC DAY) (BLD)
Wednesday April 25 2012, DAY 3
A variety of activities are planned and will include:

Mount Ainslie Lookout (allow 30 minutes)
This provides a spectacular view of central Canberra and the Parliamentary Triangle. From this vantage point you can really appreciate the city’s distinctive layout with its lakes, parks and gardens. The backdrop of hills and mountains adds to the stunning vista before you.

Your group will participate in the National Ceremony (9.45am)

9.45 am Australian War Memorial
The Australian War Memorial is Australia’s National Memorial to those who died in war. It contains an archive centre of research and galleries displaying relics, documents, photographs and art. The Hall of Memory, where the Tomb of the Unknown Australian Soldier is located, is the centre of the formal commemorative areas of the Memorial. (Self guided)

11.30am Lunch

Please note the galleries to the AWM do not open until 1.00pm

2.30pm Australian Institute of Sport (allow 2 hours)
Tour the home of past, present and future sporting champions with one of Australia’s elite athletes as your guide. The tour gives you a unique view of the world class facilities and an insight into the life of an elite athlete.

Split into 2 smaller groups for your next activity as follows –
**Group 1 (47+5)**

5.00pm  Black Mountain Tower (allow 45 minutes)

Black Mountain Tower’s open and enclosed viewing galleries provide a magnificent view over Canberra and the surrounding countryside. Educational kits are available. The Tower contains an exhibition area where models and displays describe the history of telecommunications in Australia. 
By evening, a spectacular look at the lights of Canberra.

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**Group 2 (48+5)**

Australian National Botanic Gardens (Garden Classroom)

The Botanic Gardens maintain a scientific collection of native plants from all parts of Australia. The plants are displayed for the enjoyment and education of visitors and are used for research into plant classification and biology. A herbarium of preserved plant specimens is closely associated with the living collection.

**Around Oz in an hour**

Discover the diversity of Australia's flora at the Australian National Botanic Gardens. Take in some of the 7,000 natives from all over the country in the living collection. Students explore a diverse range of vegetation types in different parts of the Gardens living collection. Guides will challenge students with examples of change over geological time, and current human impacts.

- **In this activity students will:**
  - find out about this national institution which belongs to all Australians, and why botanic gardens are worth visiting
  - see first hand some of the diversity of Australia's unique flora find out how they might take some action for the environment

6.30pm  Dinner will be at Hudson’s Café (located in the Botanical Gardens)

8.15pm  AMF Belconnen Ten Pin Bowling (1 game and shoe hire)

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CANBERRA  (BLD)
Thursday April 26 2012, DAY 4

This is the activity-packed last day of your Canberra program and will include:

For your activities at the NMA you will be split into 2 smaller groups as follows –

**Group 1 (47+5)**

9.00am  National Museum of Australia (allow 2 hours)

The new National Museum is both educational and entertaining. Technology and imagination are combined to create an experience which explores “the things that have made us Australian”. Hands-on interactive exhibitions allow visitors to actually experience the stories of Australia (Program).

**Talking Points**

A 45-minute guided exploration of the Museum's galleries that introduces students to several key objects, stories and themes. Students will then be able to further investigate the Museum under the supervision of their teachers.

Then you will have time to explore the National Museum under the guidance of your teachers. Here is your chance to visit the K-Space & Circa exhibitions.

**Group 2 (48+5)**
9.00am National Museum of Australia (allow 2 hours)
Time to explore the National Museum under the guidance of your teachers. Here is your chance to visit the K-Space & Circa exhibitions.

10.00am Talking Points (Program)
A 45-minute guided exploration of the Museum's galleries that introduces students to several key objects, stories and themes. Students will then be able to further investigate the Museum under the supervision of their teachers.

11.30am Lunch

12.30pm National Gallery of Australia (allow 1 ½ hours)
A tour of the Gallery’s paintings, sculptures, prints, photographs, drawings and decorative arts is arranged. Displays from the national collection of Aboriginal, Australian, Asian, African, early and modern American and European arts change regularly.

2.30pm Questacon – The National Science and Technology Centre (allow 2 ½ hours)
This “hands-on” exhibit is entertaining as well as educational. A spiral walkway leads you to the various galleries of the Centre. Over 200 interactive exhibits deal with the mysteries of science by demonstrating their everyday applications. Amongst the fascinating exhibits is “Bodyworks” where you can learn about your own body for walking, talking, listening, cycling, throwing and balancing. You can experience an earthquake in the Centre’s living room, watch a lightning strike or make music on a harp without strings. The Environment Exhibition shows how individual Australians and visitors can make a difference to global environmental issues.

Split into 2 smaller groups for your next activity as follows –

Group 1 (40+4)
5.00pm Australian National Botanic Gardens (Garden Classroom)
Around Oz in an hour

Group 2 (40+4)
6.00pm Black Mountain Tower (allow 45 minutes)

Return to accommodation for dinner.

Evening: no evening activities

CANBERRA – SCHOOL (BL)
Friday April 27 2012, DAY 5
After breakfast, begin your journey home again with a late afternoon arrival at school.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY: TO PROVIDE A TOWEL & TOILETRIES