

# Mount Ousley Public School

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## Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Dear parents/caregivers,

Our Stage 3 major excursion to Canberra is approaching quickly and we are all raring to go! Some of the places we will be visiting include Questacon, Australian War Memorial, AIS, Old Parliament House, Parliament House, Electoral Education Centre and the Canberra Reptile Zoo. Here are the important details you need to know in preparation for our excursion.

### **Departure:** Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> May

Please make sure you are at school by 7:00am so that we can mark rolls, collect medications and leave on time.

### **Arrival:** Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, 2018

We will arrive back at school at 3:15pm. If we are running late, a Skoolbag notification will be sent out.

### **Money:**

Bringing money on the excursion is optional. There are gift shops at most of the places we will be visiting, but please limit the amount of money your child brings to \$20. Students will be entirely responsible for their own money, so please make sure they have a secure place to keep it.

### **Valuables:**

Please do not pack anything valuable as our accommodation and the venues we are visiting take no responsibility for the loss or damage to personal property. This includes laptops, iPads, iPods and mobile phones.

### **Staying in touch during camp:**

Students are not to bring mobile phones. The teachers will have mobile phones with them in case of emergency.

### **Medications:**

Please have all medications in a clearly labeled zip lock (or similar) bag with clear administration instructions inside. These medications must be given to the teachers in the morning before we depart. Students are not to have medications of any kind in their own bag (including Panadol).

### **Food**

Students need to come with a packed lunch, morning tea (crunch and sip) and afternoon tea for the Wednesday. This is because we will not be checking in to our accommodation until later in the evening. Meals for the duration of the excursion (including dinner on Wednesday night) will be

supplied by our accommodation. Please ensure your child brings a reusable drink bottle with them.

### **Luggage**

One piece of luggage and a small day backpack is recommended per student. These should be clearly marked with your child's name, address and phone number. Remember, your child will have to carry their luggage so it's a good idea to make sure it's not too big or too heavy. Items needed during the bus trip (including the food for the first day) should be packed in the small backpack and taken onto the bus.

### **What to pack**

- Enough warm clothing to last 3 days
- Jumpers and tracksuit pants
- Socks and underwear
- Enclosed shoes
- Raincoat
- Warm jacket
- Pyjamas
- Sunscreen and hat
- Toiletries
- Day backpack
- Plastic bags for dirty clothes
- Medication (to be given to Miss Shorter before boarding the bus)
- Handkerchief or tissues
- Water bottle
- Camera (optional)

Please label all clothing with your child's name. It is also important to keep in mind that many of the venues that we are attending are places of national significance. With this in mind, please make sure that clothing is respectful and appropriate (eg. no inappropriate slogans).

### **What not to bring**

- x Aerosol cans (i.e. spray-on deodorant or insect repellent)
- x Mobile phones, iPads and other electronic devices
- x Jewellery
- x Anything valuable
- x Sleeping bag, towel or pillow (these are all provided by the accommodation)

If you have any concerns or feel that there is information we need to know about your child prior to the excursion (including changes to medications), please let us know as soon as possible.

Kind regards,

Miss Shorter and Mr Dixon