



### YEAR 6-8 CANBERRA EXCURSION

Last week students from our school participated in an educational tour of the National Capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

**Day 1:** 20 students and 3 teachers left for Canberra. Many students were very excited as this was their first 'real' excursion (no parents!). After lunch in Yass, we arrived at our home for the week – Canberra's YHA. After a quick change of clothing, we all loaded back on the bus to head to Parliament House. At Parliament House we met with Federal Member for Riverina, Mr Michael McCormack (pictured above). Mr McCormack discussed how he was elected, what he does as a Federal Minister and also his connection to Ungarie (for those who don't know, Mr McCormack played a few games of football for Ungarie in 2010) before we went on a guided tour. The tour gave students an insight into life as a politician, as well as the structure of Australia's political system. We then returned to the YHA for a lovely dinner before heading to rock climbing at Mitchell, which was very popular with all students.





**Day 2:** Students were very enthusiastic to start the day. First job of the day was given to the sandwich crew – Vanessa, Isabelle and Emily B who were in charge of supplying all students with their sandwiches for the coming days. Once this job was done we all headed to the National Museum of Australia. Students participated in the museum game, in which they formed teams to investigate different objects in the museum. Students took photos of different objects and made connections between the objects and others on their screen. The winning teams in the museum game were ‘The Vehicles’, which consisted of Vanessa and Jack and ‘IAEB’, consisting of Isabelle and Emily B. After completing the game, students went to Kid Space where they designed their own space vehicles and then viewed them in a 3D movie.



Next stop was the Museum of Australian Democracy (Old Parliament House). Once again we went on a guided tour where we viewed 3D models of different parts of old Parliament House and the Prime Minister’s office, last used by Bob Hawke. We then went to the House of Representatives where we participated as different Members of Parliament. Jackson was Prime Minister and Kai the Governor General (right). Next it was off to Tunzafun at Belconnen Mall (left). Most students and teachers participated in a laser tag game which saw the year 6 team destroy the year 7/8 team. Students then had 2 hours in Tunzafun to play games of their choice. That night was movie night with students either viewing ‘Thor’ or ‘Hunger Games – Catching Fire’.



Below : students at the National Museum of Australia.



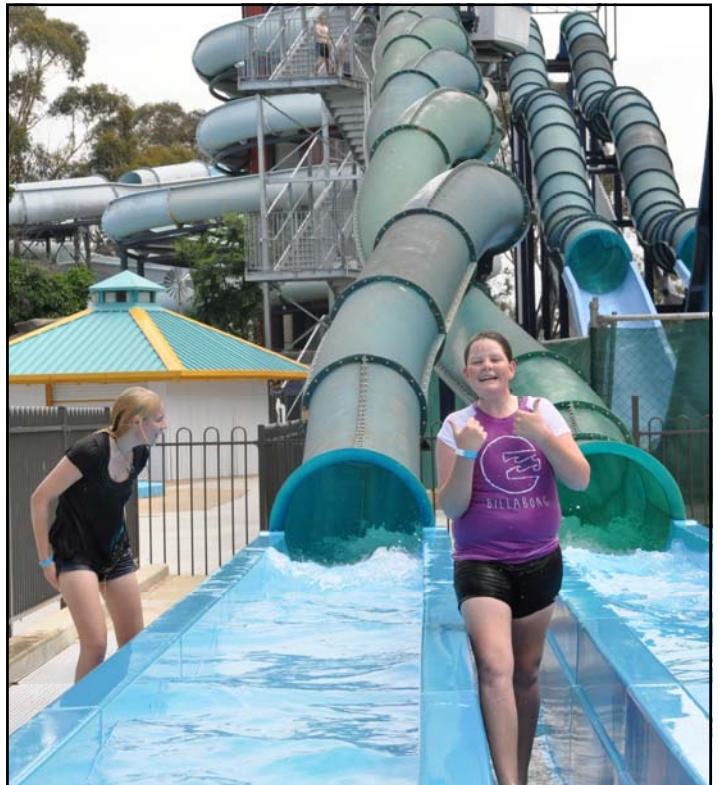


**Day 3:** After a quick breakfast, we all headed out to Jamieson to the Big Splash Water Park. The weather looked a little ominous but everyone was very eager to try out the water slides and pools. Most students started out on the 'tamer' water slides but soon ventured to the 'twister'. A 3 second water slide with continuous twists until you appeared at the bottom. Some very interesting faces were captured by photographer Jack. After a morning of swimming we headed back to the YHA for some much needed rest and relaxation as well as working on our video diaries. Our tea was a BBQ which we enjoyed on the YHA roof top. Thanks to Mr Currey, David, Daniel and Kai for preparing the lovely meal. After tea we travelled to Mt Ainslie to view Canberra's lights.



### CANBERRA EXCURSION DAYS 3-5

**Day 4:** We started day 4 with a trip to the Australian War Memorial. We were split into 2 groups to undertake a tour of the site. Students enjoyed hearing the stories of our war heroes and were very keen to see the display for Reginald Rattey in the Hall of Valour. Next it was off to the AIS where students participated in a range of physical activities before touring the grounds with our fantastic guide Gracia, an AIS soccer player. After the AIS we returned to the YHA to start packing our belongings. A movie and pizza finished off our fantastic trip to Canberra.



**Day 5:** Home time. Students packed their belongings and boarded the bus for the trip home. It was a much quieter trip than earlier in the week with all students agreeing lots of rest would be needed when they arrived home.

We would like to say a huge thank you to the parents of the students who supported their child/children in attending this excursion as well as Ungarie P&C for contributing \$10 per student and the Australian Government for contributing funding of \$20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards our costs.





### UWOW YEAR 10

Last week the three Year 10 girls headed off to Sydney for their week of work. They left Ungarie on Saturday morning and set off on a long trip on the bus and train. They arrived in Sydney on Saturday evening where they settled into Shalom College at UNSW and met the students from Coolah, Dunedoo and Mendooran Central schools who also participated in the work experience.

Sunday was an easy settle-in day with a trip to Bondi Junction for some shopping. It was a fun afternoon that included some celebrity spotting. That night was a relaxing dinner and an early night to bed after preparing for Monday morning.

The girls set off to work early Monday morning for a week at work. All were a little bit nervous but also a bit excited. Bridie spent the first three days at The Black Dog Institute and had an absolutely fantastic time working on the website. She spent the last two days working with the counselling service on UNSW campus. Kayla spent her time with the Aviation department at UNSW where she spent some time in lectures at Bankstown airport and tried her hand in the flight simulator. Chloe worked in the Kensington legal centre which was based on the University campus (right). She spent her time completing office work. She also spent one day at the courthouse in the city, observing some very interesting characters.

The afternoons were also very busy with heaps of activities planned. Monday afternoon all students went to Coogee beach, learnt about surf life saving skills



and participated in some activities in the surf. The 'chish and fips' by the beach gave a good view over dinner and were extremely filling. Tuesday afternoon was heaps of fun at the monster skate park at Olympic Park. There were no major injuries but maybe a few small knocks. They each had a go at the scooters, skateboarding, and the trampoline before heading to 'Frank's Pizza' for dinner.

There was a quieter night on Wednesday with a tour of the UNSW campus and a barbeque with the Aspire ambassadors, followed by a movie. Thursday night was a big night with a formal cocktail party with some of the employers and a harbour cruise with some awesome dancing by Bridie and Chloe. The last night in Sydney was the formal dinner. It was nice to sit down with everyone from the trip and talk about the highlights of the week as well as seeing the highlights in photo form.

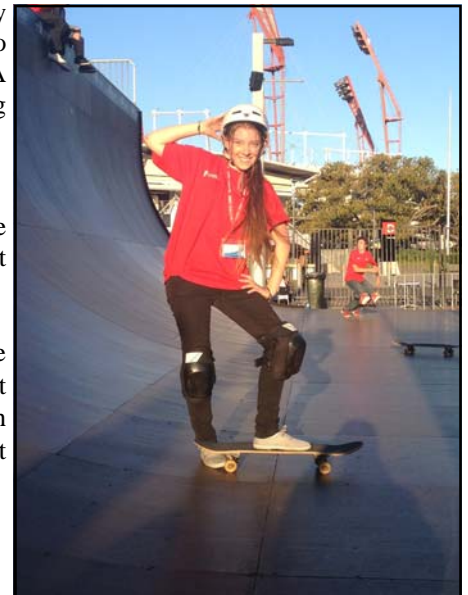
Everyone arrived home Saturday afternoon after an early start and long day travelling. It was nice to come home to the open space and clean air but it was also really hard to leave because everyone had such an awesome time during the week. A big thankyou to everyone who made the 'week of work' possible, it was an amazing experience that the girls will take with them forever.

Miss Oxenham



Above : Chloe Cattle, Bridie McCubbin and Kayla Bennett at Coogee Beach

Left : Bridie, Kayla and Chloe with their Week of Work at University Certificates which were presented to them at yesterday's morning assembly!







**Relieving Director of Public Schools NSW  
Mr Andrew Pryor attended the event and  
made a presentation to Mrs Culbert.**



Presentation Night was held at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday the 11th of December, with art work and student photos providing an attractive backdrop to the proceedings.

School Captains (below left) were named for 2014 and are Bridie McCubbin and Louise Hunter. Primary Captains are Angus Williams and Josh Roscarel. Sportspeople for 2013 (above) were Damian Batty (Primary), Kody Whiley and Chloe Cattle (Secondary). Primary, Secondary and Infants Citizenship awards went to Damian Batty, Kody Whiley and Hayley Wallace (below).



**Rhianne Forrest  
with her trophy  
for the best UCS  
HSC result from  
2012**

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**Secondary Dux  
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YEAR 1



YEAR 2



YEAR 3

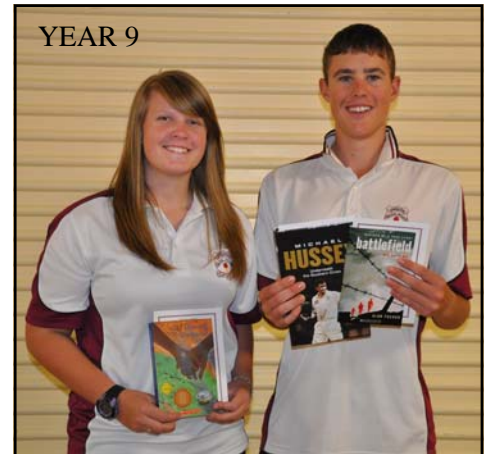


YEAR 5





# STUDENT NEWS Term 4 Week 5 2013



**PRESENTATION  
NIGHT 2013  
CLASS ACADEMIC  
AWARDS**





## STUDENT NEWS Term 4 Week 5 2013



PHOTOS clockwise from top left : Primary CAPA Awards (Abby Wason, Seth McCubbin and Allora Vinecombe) Secondary CAPA Awards (Vanessa Robb, Caitlin McCubbin and Chloe Cattle); First in Subject in LAP subjects (Caitlin McCubbin, Mitchell Thompson, Louise Hunter, Trent Quarman and Tanikah Fenech); SRC members for 2013; Caltex Allrounder (Vanessa Robb) and Reuben F Scarf (Caitlin McCubbin) awards; Students who competed at State Carnivals (Daniel Potter, Kai Davies, Damian Batty and Josh Roscarel); Mason Family Music Award (Jared Robb, Caitlin and Seth McCubbin).

More Photos and full list of awards in the STUDENT NEWS COMPILATION BOOKLET (due out next week!). Happy Holidays!

