Welcome...
To our Canberra Trip 2015

Congratulations!
Year 7 has again been offered the opportunity to visit our nation’s capital as a school excursion/camp. We are very excited about the prospect of visiting our important National landmarks and places of political and cultural significance to us as Australians. This trip will be the culminating activity in our unit on ‘Discovering Democracy’ which Year 7 students have been studying this term, and our Ancient Civilization History Unit.

Some of the places we will visit include the following:

- Taronga Zoo in Sydney
- Sydney Opera House
- Parliament House & Old Parliament House
- The Royal Australian Mint
- Australian Institute of Sport
- Questacon
- Australian War Memorial
- CSIRO

In order for you to be fully prepared we have included the following documents on:

- Staff and Contacts
- Expectations
- What to Bring

In addition we request that you return the following signed forms as soon as possible (but no later than Monday 17th March) as the final part of the confirmation process:

- Camp Permission form
- Medical forms and emergency contacts

As with all excursions students will not be able to attend unless these forms are completed and returned. If you have any questions that were not answered at the information evening feel free to send me an email at matthew.ware@gccc.qld.edu.au. Finally, we are looking forward to an amazing trip with these Year 7 students, and we pray that they will have a truly fantastic experience in Canberra.

Mr Ware
Staff & Contacts

Mr Ware will be the ‘Teacher in Charge’ on the Canberra Trip and other staff members will include

- Mr Asplin
- Mrs Horrigan
- Chappy Dan Bassett
- Ms Crase
- Mrs Gordon
- The bus drivers will also assist in some activities for added adult ratios as they are very experienced leaders with school groups travelling to Canberra. (N.B. all bus drivers hold valid blue cards)

GCCC has a high ratio of supervising adults to students that should ensure a safe and happy trip for all!

Whilst we are away the school will at all times be in contact with staff. During regular school hours you can always contact us through the school.

However, we are also providing you with a mobile number for direct contact with us in case of an emergency. **Students will not be allowed to take a mobile phone on this trip.**

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What to bring to Canberra?

Clothing:
- Pyjamas
- Underwear and socks
- Jacket or coat
- T-shirts / tops x 2
- Shorts / skirts / trousers x 2
- Warm clothing eg. Tracksuit, jumper,
- Beanie & gloves x 1 set
- Full formal uniform (NO FORMAL HAT req'd but boys will need belt and tie) and shoes
- Plastic bags for dirty clothes
- Green school sports hat
- Maroon College jumper
- Sports uniform to be worn to airport and all day Tuesday 21st April – with joggers

Footwear
- Joggers / sports shoes
- Polished formal school shoes in a named plastic bag (big zip lock bags are good)

Toiletries
- Brush / comb
- Soap
- Toothbrush and toothpaste
- Shampoo / conditioner
- Lip gloss / sunscreen
- Deodorant (NO AEROSOLS)
- No makeup needed!

Miscellaneous: (optional)
- Torch and batteries
- Day pack (small – for carry-on luggage on the plane)
- Book or magazine
- Any medications you need must be handed to the College in the original packaging, in a named zip lock plastic bag with instructions. A Student Medication Authorisation Form will need to be completed also. Medications to be handed to Secondary Admin on the Thursday prior to school holidays – end of Term 1.

Money (optional)

DON’T FORGET!!
Please make sure all items are clearly named – particularly your uniform!
DON’T take the risk – Name it in PERMANENT Laundry Marker today!

NOTE:
Students will be entirely responsible for all personal items and miscellaneous items that they bring.

Students will be TOTALLY RESPONSIBLE for their own money MAX $20

NOT NEGOTIABLE – ALL STUDENTS MUST BRING!!
- Their sense of humor
- Their sense of adventure; and
- Their best behaviour

Remember!
You are packing for 5 days
Maximum of 1 suitcase + Day Pack
Dear Student,

We have ‘GREAT EXPECTATIONS’ regarding our 2015 Trip to Canberra!

Your Expectations...

As a student you no doubt have expectations about this Canberra trip. These expectations are likely to include:

✓ That you will be kept safe
✓ That you will spend time with your friends
✓ That you will visit places you haven’t been before
✓ That you will have FUN!

Our Expectations...

As a college we also have expectations regarding this trip to Canberra. Surprisingly, our expectations also include:

✓ That you will be kept safe
✓ That you will spend time with your friends
✓ That you will visit places you haven’t been before
✓ That you will have FUN!

HOWEVER, in addition to these, we also expect you to take every opportunity to...

✓ Learn
✓ Understand
✓ Appreciate
✓ Respect; and
✓ At all times be a good ambassador for our college. Assuming you can agree to meeting, or exceeding all of the above mentioned expectations we look forward to seeing you at the college ready to ‘load up and move out’ on Tuesday 21 April at 4.30am... SEE YOU THERE!

FAQ’s

Question: Is it possible to meet both our expectations and yours at the same time?!

Answer: YES!!! Believe it or not, it is indeed possible to have fun, visit new places, and spend time with friends and be safe – whilst you learn, understand, appreciate, respect and behave in a way which represents your college well!

Question: Can Year 7 students of Glasshouse Country Christian College go on the Canberra trip without committing to meeting the college expectation?

Answer: NO!!!! If you are planning on joining us on this trip we encourage you to read ‘our expectations’ and be sure you can commit to them – if you can’t, we ask that you consider staying home instead.