

Canberra Tour



Dates and Deadlines

- Sunday 27 September - Thursday 01 October 2026
- Sunday 26 – Thursday 30 September 2027
- The estimated tour cost is \$3000 (2025) based on 40 students. This is subject to change depending on the final itinerary and associated costs.
- The balance is due end of Term 2
- All GGS accounts must be up to date throughout the year to attend the Tour.
- Any leftover monies will be distributed evenly to families after the tour.



Year 6 Curriculum

- WA Curriculum – Year 6 History and Social Sciences
 - Australia’s system of government and citizenship
 - The roles and responsibilities of the three levels of government, including the shared roles and responsibilities within Australia’s federal system
 - Laws and how they are initiated and passed through federal parliament
 - Rights and responsibilities, and shared values of Australian Citizenship
 - Experiences of Australia’s democracy and citizenship
 - Migration and stories of migration



Accommodation – Canberra Park



- Canberra Park Resort. Dormitory style bedrooms will be utilised. Four students per room.
<https://www.canberrapark.com.au>
- GGS has a sole 'pod', meaning no other schools will be sharing the space.
- There is a maximum occupancy of 40 students.
- Staff bedrooms scattered within pod to ensure students have a teacher contact within reach (allocated)
- Breakfast, lunch, dinner, morning and afternoon tea are all included.
- Dorm groups allocated for students



Itinerary

- Parliament House and Government House
- National Dinosaur Museum
- Royal Australian Mint
- High Court of Australia
- Floriade
- Questacon
- Australian War Memorial
- Museum of Australian Democracy
- Electoral Education Centre
- Australian Institute of Sport

NB: will be distributed to families once finalised



Transport

- Families to drop off and pick up from Perth Airport
 - Must sign students in/out with GGS staff member before leaving
 - Goodbyes will be done in Departure area prior to security screening
- Port Stephens Coaches
 - Pick up from airport for duration of the Tour
 - Same coach driver for entire Tour
- Morning tea and lunch packed on the bus each morning
 - Grab 'n go style
 - Water available



Medical – Management and Medications

- Nurse Justine Hymus on Tour (attended previously)
- All student health and medical information **MUST** be updated on Consent2Go prior to departure
- Discuss any concerns with Medical Centre
- All medication must be blister packed and handed in to Prep admin
- Families will be kept informed at all times if a student becomes unwell
- Comprehensive risk assessment completed to support student safety



Insurance

- Comprehensive Insurance coverage for staff and students; including if a student is unwell and parents are required to fly over to collect them.
- Insurance is covered as long as we follow the insurance process.
- All arrangements must be discussed with the School prior to any commitments made.



Communication

- Canberra Tour Seesaw group will be created
 - Photos and updates will be posted regularly
- Tour phones will be with GGS Tour Leaders
 - Minimal contact made to families via this method
 - Students will be given these numbers to support student safety
 - Families notified of these numbers for emergency contact only



What to pack

- One large bag or suitcase with wheels. Students will need to independently carry these
- One backpack for excursions throughout the day
- Cool weather – consider the layer principle
- Snacks for the plane (departure) – no lollies

| Clothing - GGS Uniform | Toiletries | General |
|--|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Full Winter School Uniform | Soap | Towel |
| Full Sports uniform including tracksuit and shorts | Toothbrush | Camera (optional) |
| Shoes and socks - formal and trainers | Toothpaste | Wash bag (dirty clothes) |
| Hat | Roll-on deodorant | Reading books x2 |
| Clothing - General | Shampoo/Conditioner – small | Wallet/purse |
| General socks x 6pr | Comb/brush | Spending money (\$100 max) |
| Underwear x 7pr | Tissues | |
| T-shirts x 4 | Hand sanitiser - small | |
| Long sleeved shirt x 2 | Sunscreen - small | |
| General shorts x 2pr | | |
| Pants/Jeans x 2pr | | |
| Jumper – wool or fleece | | |
| Sleepwear (winter) | | |
| Beanie | | |
| Raincoat – light weight | | |

NO Phones

NO Electronic Games

NO Radios/mp3 players

NO Kindles



Spending Money

- \$100 max limit
- Cash or pre-paid debit card
- Handed in at Prep Admin week before Tour
 - Distributed to staff for safe keeping
 - Staff to give to students
- No loans given to students under any circumstances
- Students to spend at their discretion
 - E.g. gift shop at Questacon and Dinosaur Museum, Floriade flower show



PACER Rebate

- GGS will receive federal funding up to \$510 per student. Remaining monies at the conclusion of the tour will be reimbursed evenly amongst families.

- To receive the PACER it is a requirement to visit the following institutions

- Australian Parliament House
- Museum of Australian Democracy
- National Electoral Education Centre
- Australian War Memorial

2025 PACER ZONES WITH ADDITIONAL LOADINGS

FOR SCHOOLS WITH ICSEA 1000 OR LESS AND REGIONAL OR REMOTE SCHOOLS

| ZONE | DISTANCE (KM'S) | 2025 REBATE PER STUDENT | ADDITIONAL LOADING SCHOOLS ICSEA 1000 OR LESS | ADDITIONAL LOADING TO ATTRACT PARTICIPATION FROM REGIONAL AND REMOTE SCHOOLS | | |
|------|-----------------|-------------------------|---|--|---------------------|-------------|
| | | | | 50% ICSEA 1000 or below | 100% Outer regional | 200% Remote |
| 0 | 0 - 149 | \$5 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| 1 | 150 - 499 | \$30 | \$15 | \$45 | \$60 | \$75 |
| 2 | 500 - 999 | \$45 | \$22.50 | \$67.50 | \$90 | \$112.50 |
| 3 | 1000 - 1499 | \$90 | \$45 | \$135 | \$180 | \$225 |
| 4 | 1500 - 1999 | \$150 | \$75 | \$225 | \$300 | \$375 |
| 5 | 2000 - 2999 | \$300 | \$150 | \$450 | \$600 | \$750 |
| 6 | 3000 + | \$510 | \$255 | \$765 | \$1,020 | \$1,275 |



NOTES:

- * Zone 5 includes all students from Tasmania because of air/sea travel expenses.
- Remote islands get an extra \$120 for additional costs.
- The additional 50% rebate amount still applies as shown in column 4 of the table.

