Year 5/6 Canberra Camp

As part of the inquiry topic “Uniquely Australian”, sixty of our 5/6 students at Boardwalk will be travelling to Canberra next week. Students will travel to Canberra by coach on the Monday, visit attractions around Canberra from Tuesday to Thursday and then return to Carranballac College by coach on the Friday.

Along with other sites, students will visit the National Museum, the High Court, Parliament House, the War Memorial, the National Capital Exhibition, Government House, the Royal Mint and the Old Parliament House Museum of Democracy.

To assist families in meeting the cost of the camp the Australian Government contributes funding of $30 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion and has already helped us keep the cost of the camp down so that more people could attend. We are lucky that the government helps with this important trip.

In the “Uniquely Australian” inquiry unit students cover key events in Australian government, the Parliament and the three levels of government. They also explore the concept of democracy and the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. There isn’t a much better way to study this material than actually go to Canberra and visit these sites!