

## *Proposed 2023 Student Tour to Sydney and Canberra*

Dear Parents / Guardians

Joseph Banks Secondary College, in association with Student Tours Australia, is delighted to announce that an educational Tour to Sydney and Canberra for students in Years 7, 8 and 9 in 2023 is scheduled for 20 September to 2 October 2023 inclusive but subject to flight availability.

The itinerary will extend the classroom and stimulate students' appetite for further learning and discovery important to secondary school performance. Student touring also contributes to many aspects of personal and social development; and enhances self-management skills.

The Tour will include a comprehensive educational itinerary, air travel to and from the east coast, all ground transfers between cities, quality hotel accommodation and all meals.

The Tour will feature an education-based itinerary that will contribute to students' appreciation and awareness of the world in which they live, opening their eyes to new perspectives and career aspirations, expanding their horizons and enhancing their understanding of the key elements of the Australian identity and heritage including our history and culture, government and citizenship. Students will also participate in additional educational activities focusing on the arts, science and technology and sport.

This Tour follows the successful Canberra Tours since 2015 which made a significant impact on the personal development of students in addition to the College's developing culture.

The proposed itinerary will include available selections from –

1. *Parliament House / Government House / High Court of Australia*
2. *Museum of Australian Democracy / National Electoral Education Centre*
3. *Australian War Memorial / ANZAC Parade / Australians of the Year Walk*
4. *National Science and Technology Centre / CSIRO / Royal Australian Mint*
5. *Australian Institute of Sport*
6. *Canberra Space Centre*
7. *Telstra Tower*
8. *National Gallery / National Museum / National Portrait Gallery*
9. *First Nations History and Cultural Experiences*
10. *Sydney Harbour Bridge / Sydney Opera House / Sydney Harbour*
11. *The Blue Mountains (day trip)*
12. *Australian National Maritime Museum*
13. *Centrepoint Tower*
14. *Captain Cook / Joseph Banks Landing Place Botany Bay*
15. *Powerhouse Museum*

Students participating in this unique opportunity will potentially qualify for the Federal Government's PACER Subsidy (*Parliament and Civics Education Rebate*) which can be claimed post your tour and will be provided as a refund if successful. The subsidy amount is likely to be **\$240** per student provisional. (The subsidy cannot be guaranteed because it is contingent upon securing certain bookings in Canberra which cannot be made until we have confirmed student numbers). The subsidy was successfully applied in all previous years.

**An information evening for the proposed tour will be held at the school in the Endeavour Theatre commencing at 7.00pm sharp and finishing at approximately 8:00pm on Wednesday 23 November, 2022.**

Representatives from Student Tours Australia will make a presentation regarding the proposed itinerary and provide full details of the Tour so you can make an informed decision concerning your level of involvement.

*This Tour represents an amazing opportunity for a potentially life changing experience for your son / daughter. We look forward to seeing you at the information evening.*

*Parents, guardians and students are welcome to attend. **RSVP's are ESSENTIAL.***

If you would like to attend the information evening please rsvp through either our Facebook event, our College website event **or by returning the slip below to main reception by Monday 21 November.**

Kind regards,  
Eleanor Hughes  
*Principal*



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I/we will be attending the Information Evening for the proposed 2023 Tour to Sydney and Canberra.

STUDENT'S NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT'S 2023 YEAR LEVEL: \_\_\_\_\_

NUMBER ATTENDING: \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_