Legal Studies Canberra Trip

Thirteen Years 11 and 12 Legal Studies students participated in the inaugural Senior School Legal Studies Trip to Canberra during July. The purpose of the trip was to enable students to gain first-hand experience of some of our most significant federal legal and political institutions.

Upon arrival in Canberra, we were picked up by our intrepid driver, Ms Hunt and whisked off to Parliament House. There, students were taken into the main committee room, where they took part in a mock parliamentary session. We were then taken on a tour of the chambers of both the Senate and the House of Representatives.

After lunch it was on to the High Court, where students were ensconced in Courtroom No 1 and given an overview of the functioning of the court. Finally, we drove back to Old Parliament House, where the students took part in a re-enactment of the events leading up to the dismissal of the Whitlam Government in 1975. We then adjourned to the Canberra City Youth Hostel for a meal and some sleep.

On day 2 of the trip, we visited the National Museum of Australia and the Australian War Memorial, including a guided tour of the World War I exhibits.

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