

2024

# CLASSROOM M CANBERRA

UNEARTH-ED: AUSTRALIA'S MOST TRUSTED EDUCATIONAL TOUR SPECIALIST



## THE UNEARTH-ED TEAM

Meet the Educational tour specialists

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A memorable visit for students

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Explore the wonders of the snow

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# CEO REPORT

*What a difference a year makes! This time last year we were taking tentative steps on the road to recovery. This year we are sprinting to provide our customers with the best experiences!*

The staff at Uneath Ed tirelessly advocate for our customers - schools, they are highly skilled, professional, friendly and fun, I am very fortunate to work amongst them.

I am proud to lead a business that places a strong emphasis on sustainability, inclusiveness, accessibility, and efficiency. Our commitment to sustainability drives us to minimize our environmental impact through initiatives such as reducing waste, conserving energy, and implementing eco-friendly practices. Additionally, we strive to create an inclusive environment where diversity is celebrated and everyone feels welcome and valued as well as ensuring that our products and services are accessible to all individuals, regardless of their abilities. As a business we seek ways to enhance efficiency across our operations, optimising processes

and utilising technology to streamline our day-to-day operations. By prioritizing these themes at Uneath-ed, we aim to not only meet the needs of our customers and suppliers but also contribute positively to the community and the environment.

A big thankyou to our Suppliers for their ongoing support and partnership over the years. Your high-quality products and services, reliability, and responsiveness have played a crucial role in our success. We value the relationships we have built and look forward to continuing our collaboration for mutual growth and achievement. Thank you for being an essential part of our journey

**Paul Crowther**  
C.E.O.



Chris Niblock, Carmen Duchini, Kirsty Cambridge, Paul Crowther, Nadine New, Brittany Ellis, Tracey Scanlan

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## PAUL CROWTHER – CEO

Paul is the CEO of Uneath-Ed and has been dedicated to the educational tour industry for over 15 years. He is passionate about setting the organisations direction and fostering a positive company culture. The establishment of strong relationships with key stakeholders has been crucial to the business's success, a testament to the effort he has invested over time.

## CARMEN DUCHINI – FINANCE MANAGER

Carmen is responsible for overseeing the financial operations and activities of the business as well as administrative tasks. She manages the budgets, invoices and compliance to help guide decision making. Over the past few years, she has formed powerful partnerships with our suppliers and maintains close collaboration with them.

## NADINE NEW – BUSINESS MANAGER

Nadine is the Uneath-Ed Team Leader and been in the role for over 3 years. She enjoys managing and mentoring our travel consultants who are highly experienced and provide the best customer service to our clients. She oversees a number of her own school bookings as well as the day-to-day business requirements.

## BRITTANY ELLIS – SALES & MARKETING MANAGER

Brittany is our newest member of the team and her role involves implementing strategies to drive and promote the Uneath-ed business. Some of her tasks include the production of Classroom Canberra, ongoing website management and social media marketing. She is looking forward to working with all the school's and suppliers going forward.

## KIRSTY CAMBRIDGE – TOUR CONSULTANT

Kirsty is a dedicated team member and has been in the travel industry for over 20 years. She handles new inquiries, completes reservations, and coordinates logistics to ensure a smooth and enjoyable school excursion. She also provides destination-specific information and suggests educational attractions and landmarks to the schools to meet their PACER criteria.

## TRACEY SCANLAN – TOUR CONSULTANT

Tracey's role focuses on creating and promoting our Tour packages to the School Education Industry. She excels in coordinating excursions for our customers to deliver a seamless itinerary and overall experience for the schools. She looks after numerous schools and even hand delivers the documents and information to our local schools prior to departure. Occasionally she will also accompany a school on their excursion to review procedures and get inspiration for future planning.

## CHRIS NIBLOCK – OPERATIONS MANAGER TRANSPORT

Chris has been a member of the Crowthers team for over 20 years. He runs the Crowthers Coaches business operations managing all quotes and bookings as well as the driving team. His team of drivers provide educational commentary whilst operating the Coaches and assist with all requirements on the excursion from start to finish.

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# NATIONAL ARBORETUM CANBERRA

*Make your visit to Canberra memorable for you and your students with a visit to one of Canberra's top tourist and educational destinations.*



The National Arboretum Canberra offers 250 hectares of education, adventure, and excitement for your next school visit to Canberra.

The Arboretum is only a five-minute drive from the Canberra CBD and is home to 94 forests comprising of rare, endangered, and symbolic trees from Australia and around the world. With over 20km of walking trails, the famous POD Playground, a Bush Tucker Garden and some of the best views across Canberra, find out why teachers give the National Arboretum Canberra a 4.6 star rating.

Catering from the early years through to senior high school, our education programs and hands on workshops are linked to the STEM national curriculum and we offer a range of day and evening programs. Whatever the age of your class, your interest, and your time restraints, we have a program for you!

With plenty of room to stretch the legs, we also offer free coach parking, restroom facilities, a café, picnic spaces and catering options.

## POD PLAYGROUND

You could be mistaken for thinking that giant squirrels live in Canberra. Oversized raised acorn cubbies with slides and interconnecting net tunnels high above the ground are met with shrieks of delight as children disappear into an immersive creative world of play.

Designed for children of all ages, the award-winning POD Playground at the National Arboretum Canberra (pictured on the cover) is a haven of fun and learning. Inspired by the concept of seeds as the beginning of life in the forest, this playground offers

an exciting and challenging environment that encourages children of all ages to climb, explore, learn, and most importantly, have fun.

As soon as children step foot into the POD Playground, they are greeted with a world of wonders. From the giant acorn cubbies, nest swings, banksia pods, sand pits and music-making instruments are just some of the captivating features that await them. Surrounded by breathtaking views, this unique and adventurous playground sparks wonder, imagination, and enchantment, while promoting activity and spontaneity in play but not a squirrel in sight!

The POD playground is conveniently located next to the free coach parking, has shaded seating, restrooms and is conveniently located close to the café in the Village Centre.

Most schools will book a program followed by a time slot in the POD Playground (it's free) and allow time for a lunch break in the amphitheatre. This is a highlight not to be missed!

## ACTIVE LEARNING

With eleven different guided walks, workshops, and experiences to choose from, students can immerse in learning through the fascinating world of trees.

Our programs explore the impact of weather and climate on tree growth and health, utilizing the diverse forests at the Arboretum as living examples. Why do trees grow where? We explore biogeography through the trees within the Arboretum that reflect a wide range of climates, showcasing their adaptability and resilience.

The Arboretum's educational programs also emphasize the significance of preserving trees and their evolving characteristics. Students have the opportunity to explore the purpose of the Arboretum and its vital role in the conservation of threatened forests. Walking through these forests, they discover the unique stories of these remarkable trees and their ability to adapt and survive.

One of most popular programs is our First Nations experience 'Our Place Your Place' where students learn about local Ngunnawal culture in our Bush Tucker Garden.

## LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Let your student's creativity soar as they decorate, create, and fly their very own kites on the picturesque grassy amphitheatre at the Arboretum. With its stunning surroundings, this location offers the perfect backdrop for a memorable kite-flying experience. Watch as your colourful creations dance in the sky, fostering a sense of achievement and enjoyment for all participants. Be warned, this activity is usually accompanied by the sheer joy of children rolling themselves down the grassy amphitheatre.

## AND A WORLD OF MINIATURE TREES

See the tiny trees at the National Bonsai and Penjing Collection of Australia. Located at the Arboretum, the Collection showcases the finest work of Australian bonsai and penjing artists. Children will be delighted by the miniature trees and small forests, some over a century old!

## SEE YOU SOON!

The Arboretum presents many exciting opportunities for schools and parents seeking outdoor adventures. There is something to captivate and challenge students of all ages. Immerse your students in a world of exploration and fun at the National Arboretum Canberra.

## — ORIENTEERING —

Looking for an engaging and fun activity to challenge your students while enjoying the great outdoors? Take advantage of the vast open spaces at the Arboretum with our orienteering program. Working together, students will have the opportunity to read maps, search for markers, and problem-solve.

Orienteering activities can be tailored to suit the specific needs and abilities of your group. For an extra twist, why not try orienteering after dark? Equipped with torches, your students can navigate their way through the Arboretum, adding a new level of excitement to this already captivating adventure. This is our most popular program!



## School Accommodation

### WHY CHOOSE ALIVIO?

Alivio Tourist Park, set in a picturesque nature reserve with views of Telstra Tower, surrounded by the bush and only a five minute drive from the city centre. All Alivio's accommodation options feature their own bathrooms, televisions, smoke detectors and split system air conditioners.



### WHAT IS THERE TO DO?

We take great pride in our facilities and offerings unique to the ACT. At Alivio you'll be able to play tennis, basketball, volleyball, badminton, table tennis, foosball and soccer. We also have several common areas with barbecues, an amazing swimming pool including a water park with year-round heated spa and multiple playgrounds.



### WHY IS ALIVIO BEST FOR YOUR SCHOOL?

We are a groups market leader with professional and friendly staff onsite 24/7. Your teachers and drivers will be treated with complimentary Wi-Fi and coffee from our espresso bar. All meals are prepared by our qualified team, who carefully plan nutritious and tasty meals, with the ability to cater to different dietary requirements.



### WHAT WE OFFER



200+ Student Capacity



Coach Driver F.O.C



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Room Style: Bunk Room



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# Canberra Student Lodge

## STUDENT ACCOMMODATION



Canberra Student Lodge

### WHO WE ARE

Canberra Student Lodge is a purpose-built student accommodation venue in the heart of Belconnen, Canberra. 20 to 30 minute access to all major tourist attractions.

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Our qualified chefs understand the importance of mealtimes and pride themselves in designing nutritional and tasty dishes.



### CATERING

Nutritional, fully catered meal packages are available. Including breakfast, hot or cold lunches and delicious dinners.

Special dietary requirements are catered for by our experienced and qualified chefs. Morning tea, afternoon tea and supper are available upon request.

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# 360 ON PLANNING YOUR TRIP

*For over 30 years Uneath-Ed have been taking educational tour groups to destinations all over Australia, in particular we are experts in the Canberra tourism market. We are here to assist you in planning your next trip.*

## » BOOKINGS & DEPOSITS

To confirm a quotation, a non-refundable deposit of \$50 - \$100 per student is required (depending on travel arrangements). Deposits will be due within 4 weeks of booking accommodation, or 2 weeks where airfares have been required.

## » TOUR COSTS

Our tours are fully inclusive and the costs are based on students covering the cost of teachers. Prices are subject to change due to external influences and/or if there is a change in student/supervisor numbers and ratios.

## » TIME OF TRAVEL - CANBERRA

Canberra is very popular during Term 3, mainly due to the Snowy Mountains option that can be included for students. Remember though, if traveling to the snow is not a key driver of your school's excursion, there are considerable savings to be made during Term 1. Contact Uneath-Ed to get a list of the savings your school can make.

Parliamentary sitting dates are also a key driver for schools, so if this component is a key reason for travelling to Canberra, be sure to check the dates and, more importantly, accommodation availability.

All other destinations advertised are available for travel all year round.

## » ITINERARY

Be mindful of timing when sending or submitting your 'wish list' of attractions so that you are not disappointed if your preferred attractions are not available for your travel dates.

When planning your choice of destinations, remember to contact Uneath-Ed should you need any further details for any venues. Consider if you would like morning or afternoon stops in your itinerary.

Schools are booking up to 3 years in advance, so to secure your preferred date please get in early.

## » ACCOMMODATION

Uneath-Ed offers various types of accommodation - motels, cabins, bunkhouses etc - so when booking, try to have some idea of accommodation that your school requires. Also, most accommodation includes a meal package so be sure to enquire whether they will meet any dietary or religious requirements of students.

## » TRANSPORT

We can arrange whichever mode of transport you prefer, depending on your school's location. We utilise Virgin Australia and Qantas for your flights (where possible) and various coach companies. We also offer bus or coach transport whilst in Canberra to meet your requirements. Our coach drivers are the best in the business and will accommodate all your needs.

When travelling interstate, Uneath-Ed will always utilise seat-belted, fully air conditioned coach transport for your comfort and safety. Should your school's excursion require flights, one baggage item of no more than 23kg can be checked-in and one carry-on bag per person is allowed - further travel details will be provided upon confirmation of your booking.

## » INSURANCE

Uneath-Ed realises the importance of your students' well-being whilst travelling away from home and so for all bookings, we offer travel insurance as an optional extra. This insurance is designed for schools traveling between 1 - 5 nights or 6 - 10 nights which covers loss of deposits, loss of baggage, additional expenses, personal accident and public liability. Further information may be obtained from our office when you make enquiries regarding your excursion requirements. A product disclosure statement must be read prior to agreeing to travel insurance.

*Log on to our comprehensive website which provides all of the details and information you will require when planning your travel.*

*You can also utilise the enquiry form online to submit your requirements and obtain a no-obligation free quote.*

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## » PACKING LIST

### A COMPREHENSIVE PACKING LIST FOR YOUR NEXT TRIP

Shorts and t-shirts

Jeans

Socks and underwear

Warm jacket or jumper – if it's a Winter camp

Pyjamas

Swimming costume

Sunscreen, hat and sunglasses

Two pairs of sneakers – one old pair for water or camp activities

Thongs – for showers

Toiletry Bag with soap, toothpaste, shampoo/conditioner, deodorant, lip balm and insect repellent

Towel - if required

Pillow and sleeping bag (if required)

Day backpack

Paper, pens or pencils

Plastic bags for dirty or wet clothes

Medication (if required)

Tissues

Raincoat

Water bottle

Torch

Camera

Pocket money – for souvenirs

Handball or card games for lunch stop

For snow trips:  
Waterproof gloves, long socks and a beanie

# CHOOSE YOUR ATTRACTIONS & OPTIONS

We understand that every school has certain criteria they may need to achieve on their excursion to Canberra. The following attractions provide all your cultural, historical and curriculum requirements in our nation's Capital.

FREE	ENTRY FEE	ACCOMMODATION
Anzac Parade (self-guided walking tour) Australian National Botanic Gardens (self-guided tour) Canberra Deep Space Communication Complex National Electoral Education Centre (PACER) Government House (PACER) High Court of Australia (PACER) Mount Ainslie Lookout National Capital Exhibition National Gallery of Australia National Museum of Australia (PACER) Parliament House (PACER) Royal Australian Mint Snowy Hydro Discovery Centre Floriade Recycling Discovery Hub Avenue of Flags Embassy & High Commission drive Geoscience National Arboretum	Australian Institute of Sport Australian National Botanic Gardens (Guided Tour) Australian War Memorial (PACER) Telstra Tower Bricks 4 Kids Canberra Reptile Zoo Cockington Green CSIRO Discovery Mount Stromlo Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary National Dinosaur Museum National Film and Sound National Museum of Australia National Portrait Gallery National Zoo & Aquarium Old Parliament House Perisher Valley Resort Questacon Ski Co The Big Issue	Outward Bound Hoyts Dendy Canberra Glassworks Cycle Canberra Bricks 4 Kids Southern Cross cruises National library International Golf Centre National Archives of Australia Canberra Indoor Rock Climbing Phillip Ice Skating Centre Zone 3 Laser Adventure Flip Out Indoor Trampolining Australian Institute of Sport Questacon at Night (minimum 45 students) Zone Bowling Big splash Water Park Mount Stromlo Observatory
		Bush Capital Lodge Canberra Carotel Capital Country Holiday Park Camp Cottermouth Canberra Student Lodge Village Canberra Canberra Park Mantra Macarthur Westwood Lodge Ibis Styles Eaglehawk Leumeah Lodge Warrambui Outward Bound Eagle Hawk Park Canberra Alivio Tourist Park Sundown Villas Birrigai Greenhill Centre Ibis Styles Narrabundah Ibis Tall trees



Australian War Memorial

## CANBERRA 3 DAY TOUR

### DAY 1

Depart Sydney  
 Mount Ainslie Lookout  
 Australian War Memorial  
 National Museum of Australia  
 Questacon  
 International Flag Display

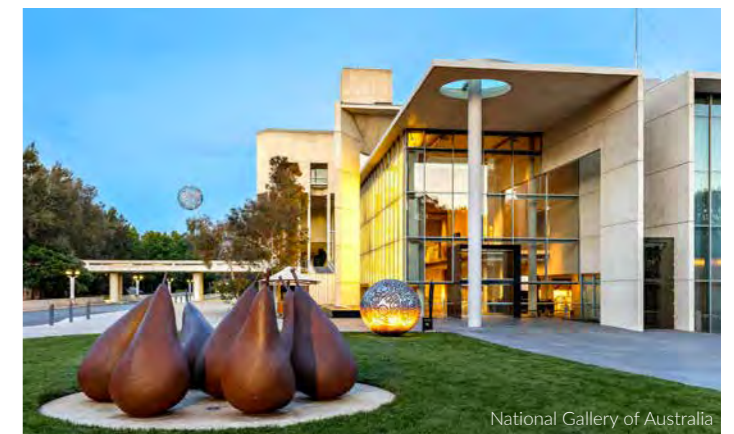
### DAY 2

National Electoral Education Centre  
 National Capital Exhibition  
 Parliament House  
 Australian Institute of Sport  
 Zone 3 Laser Tag

### DAY 3

National Arboretum Canberra  
 National Gallery of Australia  
 Canberra Embassy Drive  
 Depart Canberra

INCLUSIONS PER PERSON



National Gallery of Australia



Questacon



Australian Institute of Sport

## WHAT'S NEXT?

Choose your dates

Choose your attractions

Choose your accommodation

Establish number of students & teachers

Establish your transportation needs

Consider booking Travel Insurance

Give us a call or email your information

We will provide you with a free quote

On mutual agreement we will book your whole excursion

We will send you a deposit request to secure your accommodation and flights (where required)

We will send you a tour pack with your final invoice, all final information required and itinerary

**A New Journey Awaits ...**



### The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) is an initiative of the Australian Government which provides financial assistance for students in Year 4-12 across Australia to travel to Canberra, the nation's capital.

Under PACER, students are able to experience civics and citizenship learnt first hand by visiting Parliament House, Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD), National Electoral Education Centre (NEEC) and the Australian War Memorial as well as a number of other sites of cultural and historical interest.

### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### How much PACER funding will my school receive?

The program operates as a rebate which is paid direct to schools that meets the eligibility requirements for funding. The payment is a subsidy and is not meant to cover all costs. The website [www.Googlemaps.com](http://www.Googlemaps.com) will be used to determine the distance for the most favourable travelling routes to Canberra which might not be the shortest route. Funds are allocated on a per student basis at rates varying according to distance travelled.

ZONE	DISTANCE (KM'S)	STANDARD REBATE PER STUDENT	50% ADDITIONAL REBATE 2023	ADDITIONAL LOADING SCHOOLS ICSEA 1000 OR LESS	ADDITIONAL LOADING TO ATTRACT PARTICIPATION FROM REGIONAL AND REMOTE SCHOOLS		
				50% ICSEA 1000 or below	50% Outer regional	200% Remote	250% Very Remote
0	0 - 149	\$5	N/A	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
1	150 - 499	\$20	\$30	\$15	\$45	\$60	\$75
2	500 - 999	\$30	\$45	\$22.50	\$67.50	\$90	\$112.50
3	1000 - 1499	\$60	\$90	\$45	\$135	\$180	\$225
4	1500 - 1999	\$100	\$150	\$75	\$225	\$300	\$375
5*	2000 - 2999	N/A	\$300	\$150	\$450	\$600	\$750
6	3000 +	N/A	\$510	\$255	\$765	\$1,020	\$1,275

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

#### How long before the excursion do I need to submit our PACER application?

We recommend you submit your application and confirmed itinerary as soon as possible but no later than three weeks prior to your excursion. Funding is limited and applications are dealt with in order of receipt.

#### What attractions do I need to visit to be eligible for the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate?

To receive PACER your travel itinerary must include Parliament House, Australian War Memorial, National Electoral Education Centre or Museum of Australian Democracy. More information can be found on our National Institutions page.

#### If my school is taking part in a combined excursion with another school/s do we need to complete separate applications?

Each school must complete their own PACER application, regardless of whether they are travelling together with another school.

#### What happens once we submit a PACER application and itinerary?

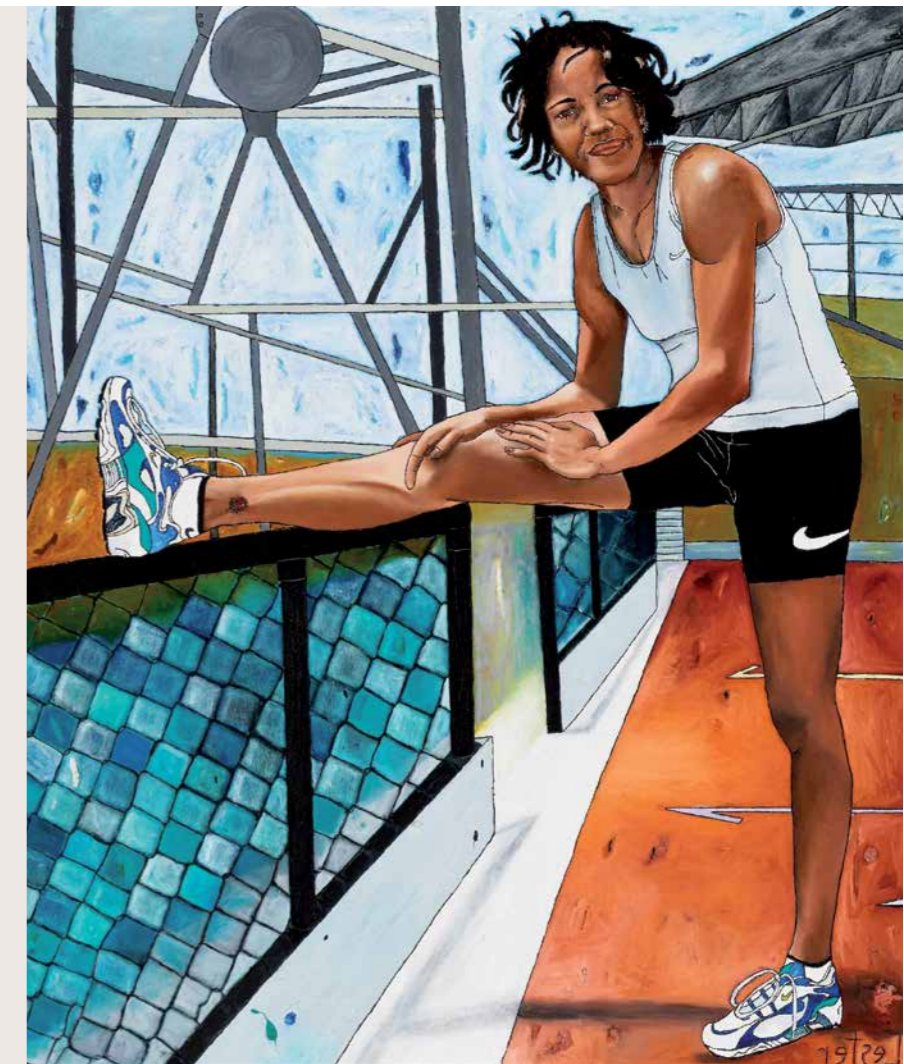
You will be notified within two weeks as to whether your application has been successful.

#### What is the Exploring Civics and Citizenship Through a Visit to the National Capital Canberra education resource?

These educational resources have been developed to prepare students for their trip to the National Capital and should be used to demonstrate how you have linked the excursion to classwork. These resources can be downloaded on the PACER website.

# ON THE FACE OF IT

The National Portrait Gallery is a cultural institution where students will discover remarkable Australians who inspire, thrill and delight. Come and experience our student-centred and interactive educational programs, led by experienced learning facilitators. The content for all of our programs is cross-curricular. We offer sessions in Visual Art, History, Civics and Citizenship, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Activism. We also facilitate Visual Thinking Strategies, a critical thinking and visual literacy program for all levels of education.



## FACE-TO-FACE: PORTRAIT SCHOOL

Our onsite dynamic and participatory programs encourage critical thinking through conversation, visual analysis and creative activities that cater for different learning styles.

\$6.00 – \$9.00 per person  
weekdays 9.00am – 4.30pm  
1:15 adult/student ratio

## SEE YOU ONLINE: VIRTUAL EXCURSIONS

Our live and fully interactive sessions let you discover the Gallery's Collection from the comfort of your classroom – explore new ideas, ways of seeing and respond creatively through activities.



Cathy Freeman 1999  
Kerrie Lester  
oil and hand-stitching  
on canvas  
Commissioned with  
funds provided by  
L Gordon Darling AC CMG  
1999  
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## TRY HEAD HUNT!

Our award-winning, interactive app encourages children aged 6 to 16 to take the lead and independently explore the virtual Portrait Gallery, to look closely at the portraits that intrigue them, to investigate the artistic elements of the work and to learn about the incredible stories of the people featured.

\$3.00 – \$6.00 per person  
weekdays 10.30am – 6.00pm  
weekends 10.30am – 3.30pm  
1:15 adult/student ratio



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- Receive curriculum-relevant information
- Explore the Solar System and beyond

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# EXPLORING THE ENCHANTING WONDERS OF THE SNOWY MOUNTAINS

KIRSTY CAMBRIDGE | TOUR CONSULTANT

Situated within the picturesque Kosciuszko National Park - Perisher, Thredbo, and Mount Selwyn offer unparalleled snowy adventures. Perisher and Thredbo are both located approximately 2.5 hours from Canberra with easy access, whether you choose to drive directly to the mountains or opt for a scenic Ski tube journey from Bullocks Flat. Mount Selwyn is situated slightly closer only 2 hours from Canberra, and awaits eager visitors with its direct mountain access as well. It's important to note that as these three resorts are nestled within a National Park, so a daily National Park Entry Fee is required to embark on your mountain escapades. Discover the snowy wonders and thrill of these captivating destinations in the Snowy Mountains.

## WHAT ARE THE MAIN DIFFERENCES BETWEEN PERISHER, THREDBO AND MOUNT SELWYN?

These three popular ski resorts offer their own unique characteristics, especially when it comes to skiing for School Students. Here are the main differences:

**Perisher:** Perisher offers the largest skiable area in the Southern Hemisphere, providing a wide range of terrain suitable for all levels, including children. It has dedicated beginner slopes, gentle intermediate runs, and challenging trails for more advanced skiers. At Perisher you have access to four ski areas on the one lift pass which includes: Perisher Valley, Smiggins, Guthega and Blue Cow. The longest Ski run is around 3km.

**Thredbo:** Thredbo features a good variety of ski runs, including beginner-friendly areas and dedicated children's programs. The resort offers gentle slopes, designated learning zones, and a range of lessons and programs tailored for young skiers. Although Thredbo has one skiable area of approximately 1180 acres, it showcases the longest ski run of nearly 6km.

**Mount Selwyn:** Mount Selwyn is particularly known for its family-friendly environment. It offers gentle slopes and a dedicated kids' area designed to introduce children to skiing. The terrain is well-suited for beginners and those learning to ski.

## i FUN FACTS

**PERISHER** – There is a mini donut shop at the Ski tube Terminal at Perisher Valley called Lil Orbits. The mini donuts are made fresh while you wait for them to be cooked, so make sure you get to the station early and have some hot and fresh donuts for your trip home.

**THREDBO** – Thredbo has won "Best Ski Resort in Australia" for the last 5 years in a row.

**SELWYN SNOW RESORT** – Mount Selwyn is one of the few ski resorts in Australia that does not have an actual mountain peak. Instead, it operates on the slopes of the nearby peak, Mount Selwyn Ridge.

## WHAT ARE THE ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS?

This area offers various accommodation options to cater to the needs and preferences of visitors. When choosing accommodations in the Snowy Mountains for school students, several factors should be considered. It is best to look for accommodation at Perisher and Thredbo that are close to the ski resorts, offering easy access to the slopes. Group-friendly accommodations with multiple rooms and communal spaces are preferable for school groups. Affordability and availability can be an issue for large group bookings, therefore another popular option is to stay in Jindabyne which is approximately 30 minutes away. Safety measures, amenities suitable for students, and educational opportunities should also be taken into account when selecting the right housing. Another option is Mount Selwyn with on-mountain lodges that offer convenient access to the slopes. These lodges typically provide basic amenities and services for a comfortable stay. Since Mount Selwyn is a smaller resort, most visitors choose to stay in nearby towns like Adaminaby or Cooma, which offer a range of hotels, motels, and holiday rentals.

## WHAT IS THERE TO DO IF YOU DO NOT WANT TO SKI OR SNOWBOARD?

In the Snowy Mountains, there are plenty of activities to enjoy even if you don't Ski or Snowboard. Explore the winter wonderland on snowshoes, experience the thrill of snow tubing down slopes or take in the breathtaking views from scenic chairlift rides. Guided snowmobile tours offer additional ways to immerse yourself in the snowy landscapes. If you prefer a slower pace, embark on winter hikes or visit National Parks to appreciate the region's natural beauty. Resorts provide relaxation opportunities with heated pools and cosy fireplaces. Don't miss the chance to discover the cultural and historical sites that showcase the Snowy Mountains' rich heritage. Whether it's adventure or tranquility you seek, the Snowy Mountains have something for everyone.

If you would like to visit the snow but you do not want to ski or snowboard, a Snow play session is just what you need. Mount Selwyn operate a fantastic Snow play area that also has tobogganing slopes. \* Please note The Department of Education does not allow Tobogganing for NSW & QLD Public Schools



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# EXPLORING CANBERRA

Canberra, the capital city of Australia, offers a wealth of educational and exciting experiences for school students. A school excursion to Canberra presents an opportunity to engage students in interactive learning while enjoying a range of fun activities. Here are some top picks for enjoyable experiences in the nation's capital:



## AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL BOTANIC GARDENS

Explore the natural wonders of Australia's flora and fauna at the Australian National Botanic Gardens. Guided walks, discovery trails, and themed gardens provide opportunities for hands-on learning and appreciation of Australia's unique plant life.

## AUSTRALIAN WAR MEMORIAL

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## AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT (AIS)

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## LAKE BURLEY GRIFFIN

Take advantage of the beautiful surroundings by organizing outdoor activities around Lake Burley Griffin. From bike rides and picnics to boat cruises, students can enjoy the scenic views and fresh air while engaging in team-building and recreational activities.

A school excursion to Canberra promises a blend of educational experiences and fun activities, leaving students with lasting memories. These engaging attractions offer a range of opportunities for learning, exploration, and enjoyment, making the trip an enriching adventure for all involved.



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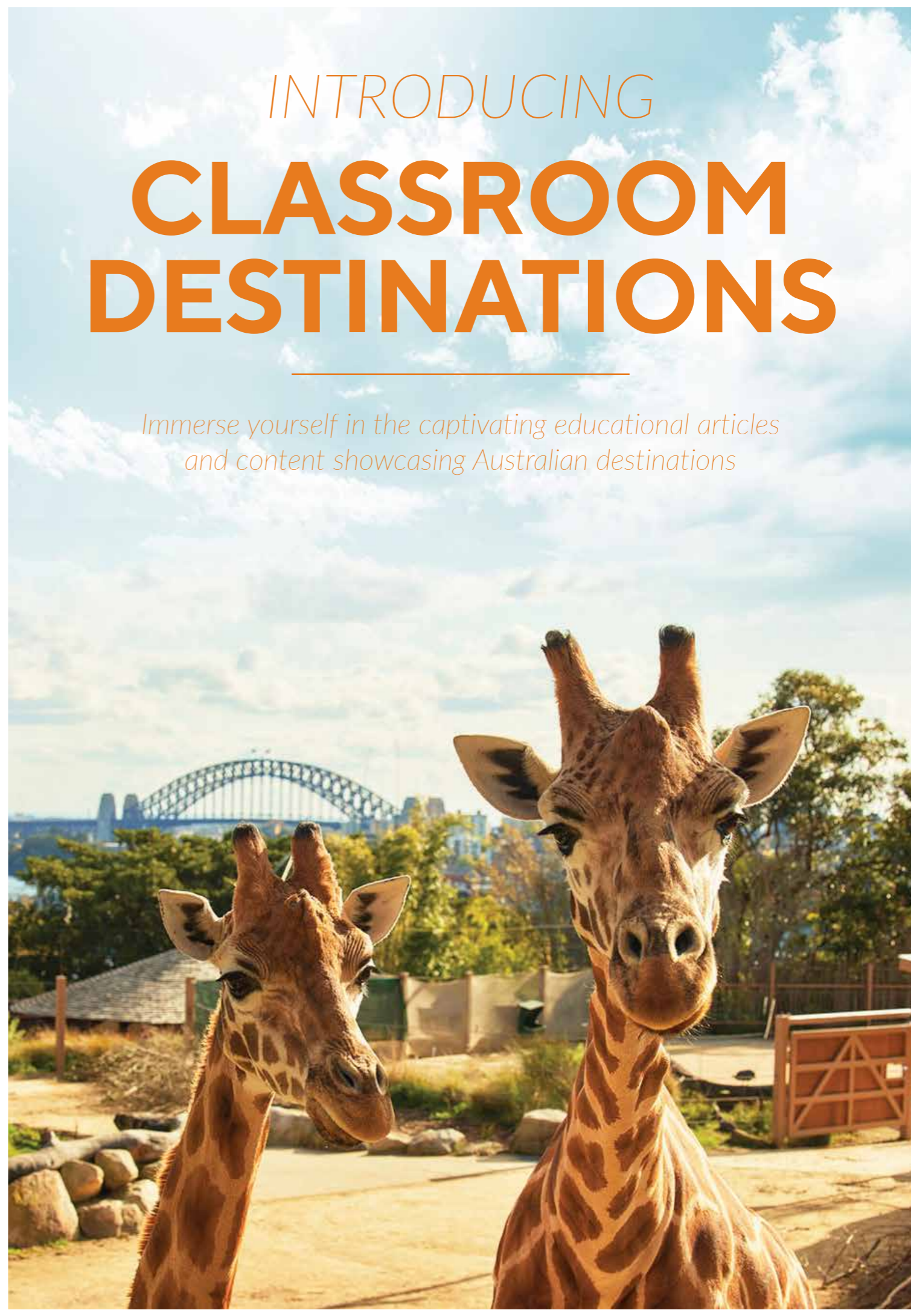
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The Sydney tour package stands as a popular option, drawing numerous regional schools and students from outside the NSW State. Our meticulously crafted itinerary encompasses renowned attractions like the iconic Sydney Harbour, Taronga Zoo, and Maritime Museum, among others.

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Chris Niblock – Operations Manager, Crowthers Coaches



Left to Right – Jeff Wild, David Edwards, Chris Niblock, Darryl Petto, Paul Crowther, Michael Hall

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### What are your favourite landmarks/sites in Canberra?

There are too many to choose from. I will talk about my top three. Mount Ainslie is a favourite because at the lookout the students can physically see everything that they are about to learn about in Canberra.

The National Arboretum is also very special, not only for the great Pod Playground, but its history and cultural significance to the people of Canberra. The synergy with all different trees from all parts of the world living harmoniously together in the same light, just as so many people of the represented nations within Canberra is very special. A great symbolic representation of Australia and its multiculturalism. It also has a great gift and bookshop too!

Finally, the National War Memorial and ANZAC Parade are obviously of incredible significance to Australia, two places where I am very firm on the respect that needs to be given at the start of a visit, but where students often visually walk out an hour or two later as changed individuals. EVERY visit there is memorable.

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### DAY 1

The Three Sisters  
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Hartley Courthouse  
St Bernard's Catholic Church  
Check into accommodation  
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### DAY 2

Wentworth Waterfalls  
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### DAY 3

Govetts Leap at Blackheath  
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### DAY 1

The Three Sisters  
Scenic World Ride  
Sheep & Cattle Show  
Animal Nursery & Hayride  
Check into & dinner at accommodation  
Colonial Music Evening

### DAY 2

Travel to Hill End Ranch  
Village Treasure Hunt  
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Gold Panning  
Dinner at accommodation  
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### DAY 3

Drive around Mount Panorama  
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## BALLARAT & SOVEREIGN HILL 3 DAY TOUR



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### DAY 2

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Our audit process provides more than just statutory compliance, giving valuable feedback to improve the school's systems and processes.

We also offer high level consulting services including financial management advice, business planning, strategic consulting and performance enhancement.

From time to time Partners of V J Ryan & Co have served on various schools' finance and advisory committees and have provided valuable input on all aspects of schools' financial operations.

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