



ESL NEWS

REFUGEE CANBERRA TRIP

On 18 May 2009, 18 students from Canterbury Boys High school went to Canberra on an overnight excursion sponsored by Quintessence Construction Management Pty Ltd.

On Monday all the students met bright and early at school and we left for Canberra in a 24 seater coach. The trip took about four hours with a half way stop for a break near Goulburn.



Outside Parliament House

When we arrived in Canberra we had a 45 minute guided tour of Parliament House which is a very beautiful and impressive building. We then participated in a role play which was an exciting experience because we had debated and voted on a bill. We learnt a lot about the way Federal Government works in Australia.

We also visited the War Memorial. We had a guided tour and viewed pictures of soldiers who fought for Australia and saw all the names of the soldiers who have died fighting in the wars. We watched a 10 minute video of how the Australians and Germans fought in the air. It was a very emotional and moving tour.



Students departing Sydney

In the evening we booked into a motel, had our dinner and then hopped back onto the bus for a night tour of Canberra. The bus driver took us to the top of Mt. Ainslie and the view was amazing.

The next morning, we visited the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) where we were also given a tour. We then played hockey, indoor soccer and basketball with our own AIS coach. It was a lot of fun and very interesting.

After the AIS we made our way back to Sydney in the coach. It was a fantastic two days and we wish it had been longer.

On behalf of the students who attended, I would like to thank Ms Melas, Ms Louey, Ms Giameos and Mr Prasad for organising the excursion and particularly Quintessence Construction Management Pty Ltd for their sponsorship.

Without the sponsorship of Quintessence Construction Management Pty Ltd this opportunity to visit Canberra would not have taken place. So again, thank you.

Francis Kawan

Year 11

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IMAX AND DINOSAUR MOVIE EXCURSION



Students at Darling Harbour

The IMAX cinema is the world's biggest screen and is a must see for anyone who loves movies.

We went together as a class and began our excursion from Canterbury Station to Town Hall. The train ticket cost \$2.80 and the train trip took about 25 minutes. On our walk from Town Hall station to Imax we saw lots of signs that pointed the way to the cinema. We crossed the old bridge and in the middle of it there is a map which shows where everything is in Darling Harbour. We sat on the stairs in front of the cinema and had our recess. It was very pleasant with the birds flying above us and the blue water in front.

The IMAX cinema is huge, and on our way in we were all given polarised glasses to watch the film in 3D, they looked very funny. The cinema screen is enormous, 29.42 metres high and 35.73 metres wide, it is as tall as an eight storey building. The ticket to Imax is only \$9.50 for a student. It's not expensive.

The movie was about dinosaurs and it was in 3D and very loud and scary, because it seemed so real. We learnt about how dinosaurs lived and how they died. The film lasted for 45 minutes.

After the film we had our lunch at McDonalds, which is right next to the cinema. It was delicious and the tables and chairs outside where we sat were very clean. The sun was shining and after a very nice lunch break we left Darling Harbour.

Imax is an incredible cinema, I liked it a lot. It is good for all types of people and everyone should try to visit to watch a 3D film there.

Majd Kalaoun
Yr 8 ESL

REFUGEE LUNCHEON

Our students participated in several events during Refugee Week 2009.

One such event was a school luncheon held to thank the people at *Quintessence Construction Management Pty Ltd* for their generous funding of the refugee camp to Canberra. The students were able to share their experiences of camp with the gentlemen and a photo exhibition was displayed. Alusine Sankoh performed on the drums, both Abdul Kamara and Desmond Jusu made speeches, and Francis Kawan was photographer for the day. The boys were asked to welcome one friend from the school community to enjoy the celebrations with them, so they could gain a more personal awareness of what it truly means to be a refugee.

We enjoyed great company, food, music and many stories were shared!

Thank you to all those who participated in this wonderful experience.

Miss Tessadri

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Arthur Magaitas, Andrew Gliatis & George Mihailou (Quintessence Construction Management Pty Ltd) with Abdul Kamara Yr 11



Ishmail Kamara Yr 8 & Sulaiman Bangura Yr 7

Dear Mr Magaitis
& Mr Gliatis

3rd May '09
Chayan Sen
Canterbury Boys High School

I'm writing on behalf of the students at Canterbury Boys High School who went to Canberra excursion on 18th to 19th May 2009. So this letter is to thank you for choosing our school sponsor the trip. With out your help couldn't go there.

On that trip we saw lovely country side sceneries, we also visited the **Parliament House** it was great, so big and full of stories. We discovered that the new **Parliament House**, old **Parliament house** and War memorial stands on a very straight line. We didn't go the old **Parliament House** because of time shortage.

But we went to the War Memorial Where it was very sad but awesome, I mean that we are very sorry full to know that thousands of soldires sacrificed their live the in war so we can live life that we are living today but, the things that once were used in war were there too. We also played at **AIS** (Australian Institute of Sports) it was Fun.

That trip was very enjoyable and we would not have been able to do this without this help. So, thanks, thanks very much for sponsoring our school. We won't forget this.

Your sincerely
Chayan Sen
Year 8 student