

1st term transport offers

G.E.T Educational Tours

are pleased to offer the following services to schools planning their national capital excursion.

- ★ Quality seat-belted *coaches* 24–69 seats
- ★ Variety of *accommodation* styles and budgets (bunkhouse, cabin, motel and apartments)
- ★ *Meal options*, in-house or dine out meals depending on budget and itinerary requirements
- ★ *Itinerary planning* and bookings
- ★ *Group airfares* (coach/fly or fly/fly programs available)
- ★ *Representatives* throughout Australia
- ★ *Tailor made itineraries* to suit your school
- ★ *Fully Licensed* Travel Agent and member of the Travel Compensation Fund.

★ January – May 2012 Discount Offer

Available to schools from all over Australia, travel with G.E.T. Educational Tours between 1 January – 31 May 2012 and pay 2011 coach charter rates.

With a wide range of accommodation, meal, itinerary and transport choices G.E.T. is able to provide the ultimate Canberra tour experience tailored to your specific requirements and budget.

Contact us on **1300 660 825** or info@getours.com.au to discuss your 2012 or 2013 Canberra tour.



CONTACT G.E.T. EDUCATIONAL TOURS ON **1300 660 825** TO DISCUSS YOUR SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS info@getours.com.au www.getours.com.au

★ Cockington Green Gardens

20% off normal admission rates and train rides for all bookings during 1st term

Also!

Our new updated schools Discovery Sheet with stick on flags is also included free of charge on request at time of booking.

Remember!

Operating throughout the year, our illuminated display will be the newest feature on the schools night excursion calendar.



Bookings are essential:

1300 627 273

info@cockingtongreen.com.au

www.cockingtongreen.com.au



★ Canberra Disco Train

The Canberra Railway Museum is pleased to offer for school groups booking in February and March 2012 fares on Canberra's unique Disco Train experience at 2011 prices!



The Disco Train is a fun, energy burning evening activity for Grade 4–Year 12 students that ensures a good night sleep for students and teachers alike. Jive along as you travel from Canberra to Queanbeyan and back. The train has a purpose fitted 'dance car' with multi-coloured lights and a sound system with CD player. It's a unique setting for the ultimate school camp finale performance or mid-camp FUN night out.



Booking enquiries

02 6284 2790 or

trains@trains.org.au



Special deals on accommodation



Rydgcs Eagle Hawk resort provides the ultimate setting for school groups visiting the National Capital. Set on a 30 acre block only 15 minutes from Canberra's CBD, this facility packed resort will keep any school group smiling.

Facilities include: ● Air-conditioned/heated rooms ● Televisions with free movies in all rooms ● 2 tennis courts ● Outdoor swimming pool ● Playground ● Gym, sauna and spa ● Pizza oven ● Ample coach and car parking

Stay at Rydgcs Eagle Hawk in first term 2012 and receive one free movie night, including screen, projector, movie and popcorn at no additional cost. * Valid for new bookings made directly with the Hotel.

1800 651 543
reservations_eaglehawk@rydges.com
www.rydges.com/eaglehawk



Birrigai@Tidbinbilla

See the best of Canberra by combining your visit to the National Capital Attractions with accommodation in the natural bush setting at Birrigai. Get involved in our evening programs, or have a special environmental or wildlife experience at the Sanctuary@Tidbinbilla. Set in a protected bushland environment, Birrigai@Tidbinbilla provides purpose-built accommodation for up to 188 students, excellent visiting teacher facilities, bus driver accommodation, teacher led educational programs or ranger guided activities. Full catering is available. We cater for all ages, and for those with special needs.



Special Offer – for Term 1, 2012, we are offering schools 2011 rates, plus teachers stay free. Just mention this advertisement when you book.

Contact Birrigai on 02 6205 6748
birrigai@tidbinbilla.com.au
www.birrigai.act.edu.au



Camp Cottermouth is 15 minutes drive from Parliament House on the western outskirts of Canberra. We have 9 air-conditioned en-suite cabins accommodating up to 86 students plus their supervising staff set in 25 hectares of grassed grounds – great for running off energy during those long daylight savings evenings. Coaches are parked near the driver's accommodation and well away from the road for added safety and security.

Mention this ad when booking for **February 2012** only, and we will:

- Give you 2011 rates (\$63 per head per night, 1:15 staff and coach drivers FOC)
- Accept changes to numbers without penalty up to one week out from your trip
- Look after your special diet needs without extra charge

So go ahead, book us now for great rates, comfortable accommodation, great food, and less worry.

02 6288 3270 cottermouth@bigpond.com
www.campcottermouth.com.au



NATIONAL CAPITAL Educational Tourism Project

For more information on PACER and planning excursions to the National Capital please contact the National Capital Educational Tourism Project

- ★ PACER T 1300 368 248
- ★ T 02 6162 4460
- ★ F 02 6162 4461
- ★ E admin@ncetp.org.au
- ★ www.ncetp.org.au





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National Capital Excursion News

PLAN a great START to 2012



We are pleased to present these special offers and incentives for schools visiting the National Capital in 1st term 2012.



Let your students feel the Olympic spirit



Australian Institute of Sport

Sport is Australia's passion. Given this is an Olympic year, your students will be thrilled to visit the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS) and have a tour to see behind the scenes how our Olympian athletes prepare for the London Olympics.

Celebrating its 30th birthday last year (2011), the AIS has been recognised by the Australian Olympic Committee as the Olympic Training Centre providing our elite athletes with the best possible training and preparation for the Olympic stage.

Let your students feel the Olympic spirit and be part of the whole nation to support our top athletes representing Australia to compete in the Olympic Games.

90-Minutes AIS Tour



With the tour, you and your students might catch some of Australia's top athletes in training, and because every tour is guided by an elite athlete, your students get to ask plenty of questions.

The tour also includes Sportex, which is an educational and engaging sports experience where your students can try wheelchair basketball, virtual downhill skiing, rock climbing, football penalty shootouts, and more.

The tour also teaches students about the importance of good nutrition. Nestlé's 'Healthy Active Classroom' is a free online educational resource that compliments the tour. With unit topics like 'Good Health' and 'Food and You', your students can unlock the energy to good food, this resource can be downloaded free from ausport.gov.au/healthy-active-classroom



SPECIAL OFFER: 50% OFF!
Book a school athlete-guided tour of the AIS for February 2012 and pay **HALF PRICE** — a saving of over \$4 per student.



AUSTRALIAN INSTITUTE OF SPORT

For more information call
☎ 02 6214 1010 or visit
🌐 ausport.gov.au/tours



Check out these great

GOING TO CANBERRA IN TERM 1, 2012? GET A SPECIAL DEAL FROM *Sid Fogg's Coaches*

Family-owned and operated since 1956 and one of the largest, most experienced and respected educational tour providers, Sid Fogg's offer:

- Seatbelt equipped luxury coaches (21 to 66 seats)
- Wheelchair accessible coaches
- All inclusive excursions
- Personalised excursion planning
- Australia wide service
- Risk assessment information
- Assistance with PACER rebate



SAVE \$\$ — Travel in term 1 2012 and pay 2011 charter rates. PLUS — Receive a FREE Souvenir Canberra Passport for each student (for new bookings quoting this offer)

Travelling in term 1 you are more likely to * get the attractions you want * get the times you want * get the accommodation you want * get the educational experience you want!

Call Sid Fogg's Educational Tour Consultants today on

1800 306 306

Telford's Educational Tours is your one stop travel shop. We offer a professional excursion planning service to primary and secondary schools travelling to Canberra and the Snowy Mountains.

All itineraries are tailored to suit each school's individual requirements, we offer packages including all your accommodation, meals, coach travel, educational attractions and fun activities.



When booking with Telford Educational Tours, you will be provided with a modern seat belt equipped coach from our own fleet.

Telford Educational Tours combines value, knowledge, experience and reliability with over 30 years experience in Canberra tourism.

Book your 2 day excursion before Dec 31 2011 and pay 2011 coach charter rates.

Also receive a free BBQ sausage sizzle on the last day of your excursion when you mention this ad.

Term 3 & 4 2012 Special 1 Day Canberra From \$31.00 per student plus GST



02 9567 3659 02 9597 4074

www.telfordtours.com.au



Whether you choose to travel to Canberra by coach or by air, *EducaTours of Australia* provide a complete tour package for school groups of all sizes that includes all transport, accommodation, meals, educational institutions, sporting venues and recreational activities PLUS a tour co-ordinator on each coach to escort the group throughout the tour.

Every school who travels to Canberra with EducaTours of Australia between February and April 2012 will receive a complimentary 'National Capital Explorer Tour' polo shirt, sports water bottle and group photograph for all passengers.

EducaTours of Australia are Queensland owned and operated however, we provide our service to all schools throughout Australia.

Contact us now to discuss touring to Canberra in 2012.

07 3424 7898 07 3424 5006

tours@educatours.com.au www.educatours.com.au

We pride ourselves on our 'extraordinary service' (the difference between ordinary and extraordinary is that little bit extra!)

Trekset Tours with 30 years of experience, is proud to be the leading company for educational travel, tours and camps for schools.

Trekset Canberra Tours include:

- **Accommodation**—we offer a variety of options including motels, cabins and lodges.
- **Seatbelt-equipped coach transport**—coaches from 20 to 69 seats catering for any group size.
- **Meals**—we provide wholesome meals including breakfast, packed lunch and a 2 course dinner.
- **Discounted group airfares available**
- **Representatives throughout Australia**—tailor made itineraries to suit your needs. Start planning now for 2012/2013 Tours.



5 DAY TOURS FROM: Ex Victoria \$325*

- Ex South Australia \$397*
- Ex Tasmania \$455*
- Ex Western Australia \$645*
- Ex Queensland \$489*

*Prices are subject to conditions, availability and to schools obtaining the Federal Government Rebate. Based on 44 paying students allowing 4 staff complimentary. Prices are correct at time of printing. Costs valid until 1st April 2012

freecall 1800 331 050 03 8325 0000 03 8325 0090

info@trekset.com.au www.trekset.com.au

Australian War Memorial



SAVE UP TO \$264! School groups who mention this ad when booking to visit the Australian War Memorial during Term 1 2012 are eligible for a FREE Discovery Zone session (conditions apply).

Explore how our past has influenced who we are and how our nation has developed. Remember those who have helped build the Australian story.

Relics, stories, artworks, poetry, vehicles and aircraft, can immerse students making the past more relevant to their world.

Our innovative new programs are aligned with the Australian Curriculum. Let us help you to make the teaching of history engaging for students and enhancing the work you do in the classroom.

Call ☎ 02 6243 4268 or visit www.awm.gov.au/education



National Gallery of Australia

Take a guided tour of the National Gallery of Australia and discover some of the most creative, thought-provoking and original works of art to be seen in Australia.

Admission is free, and entry to major touring exhibitions is free for booked school groups.



In the first term of 2012 every school group will receive a FREE poster.

☎ groupbookings@nga.gov.au
☎ 02 6240 6519 for more information on education services and bookings. Visit www.nga.gov.au



National Electoral Education Centre

How is the will of the people eventually decided in an election or referendum?

Discover the answer and experience democracy in action at the National Electoral Education Centre (NEEC). With an ideal location within the parliamentary triangle and a team of electoral educators waiting to inform your students, the NEEC is a fun and interactive way to discover Australia's electoral system.

Every school visiting in first term will receive a copy of the DVD *Down for the Count* – a practical guide to how votes are counted in a federal election. Just mention this offer to your educator.



For bookings and further information:

☎ 1800 020 067

☎ 02 6271 4535

www.aec.gov.au/education



National Capital Exhibition



Through exciting interactive displays, students will discover the people, events, history and design of Canberra – our national capital. Major highlights include the high-tech sound and light show, and Story of Canberra film.



Every school visiting the National Capital Exhibition in first term will receive a beautiful Canberra souvenir poster. Mention this offer to receive your free gift.

Located at Regatta Point, Barrine Drive in Commonwealth Park, the National Capital Exhibition is open: Monday to Friday from 9am to 5pm, weekends from 10am to 4pm, closed public holidays (open Canberra Day). Admission is free. To plan and book your visit, explore the National Capital Exhibition online virtual tour and education resources at www.nationalcapital.gov.au



Australian Government
National Capital Authority



Explore these GREAT

Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House

Book a MoAD education program for February and March 2012 and each student will receive a special 'D' for democracy magnet.

Discover the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House. Students are immersed in the stories of people and events that have shaped our democracy. Facilitated education programs connect students with the principles and actions of civics and citizenship in a stimulating historic environment. The programs provide a variety of experiences including exhibition exploration, interactive technology and role-play. Through democratic learning principles such as choice and collaboration, the new onsite programs encourage students to experience democracy for themselves.



Bookings essential ☎ 02 6270 8282

☒ bookings@moadoph.gov.au

Visit www.moadoph.gov.au/learning/ to find the right program for your students



National Archives of Australia

He went to school one day, and his life changed forever.

A family lost by a policy, a life changed by a number, a nation created by a signature.

These stories and more are brought to life in the National Archives of Australia's *Memory of a Nation* exhibition and the education program specifically designed for primary and secondary students. It complements the national curriculum, links directly to the *Statements of Learning for Civics and Citizenship Education* and highlights key moments in 20th-century Australian history.

Join our enthusiastic educators to discover and explore a treasure trove of Australian history, with experiential learning strategies, hands-on objects and role-play scenarios.

Visit us in first term 2012 and receive a free copy of our *Memory of a Nation* catalogue valued at \$24.95.



☎ 02 6212 3691

☒ schoolbookings@naa.gov.au

☎ www.naa.gov.au



Your story, our history

National Museum of Australia

The National Museum of Australia is home to thousands of fascinating stories about Australia and Australians that will capture the imagination of students of all ages. At the

Museum, every object tells a story. Our dynamic, curriculum-based programs for students bring these stories to life.

Motivate your students with one of our facilitated programs. Let our dedicated and knowledgeable education

officers excite their interest as they explore Australia's history, environment and cultures.

Book an Education program for Term 1, 2012 and receive a \$2 discount per student for any of our 2-hour programs. Save up to \$160 per booking!



For bookings or further information

☎ 02 6208 5345 or visit

www.nma.gov.au/education

Questacon—The National Science and Technology Centre

Questacon has more than 200 hands-on exhibits in eight themed galleries.

Students are encouraged to explore the science behind the world we live in and use their imagination whilst interacting with exhibits.

Find out what makes water special in H_2O —Soak Up the Science. Make water twist like

a snake, spin it so it travels backwards or launch a hydrogen rocket! Students can also experience an earthquake and see lightning created before their eyes!



Book now to visit in February for 50% off school group prices

☎ 02 6270 2893 ☒ group.bookings@questacon.edu.au

☎ www.questacon.edu.au



Australian Government
Department of Innovation
Industry, Science and Research



The National Science and Technology Centre

OFFERS for schools visiting

National Film & Sound Archive

Movies, music and television are part of the everyday lives of today's students as they grow and learn in a digital age. But where did it all begin?

From the earliest black and white silent films to today's digital technology, explore Australia's history and culture from a different perspective with our engaging presenters.

See and hear the images and sounds that have shaped our national identity. Interact with hundreds of film, television and sound clips, props and costumes. Learn about the work of the NFSA to preserve our unique audiovisual heritage.

Schools visiting the NFSA in first term of 2012 will receive 2010 prices! That's a discount of \$2 per student. Save up to \$248!
(Discount applies to bookings between 9am-5pm only)

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& SOUND
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Free call 1800 067 274

☎ 02 6248 2000

☎ 02 6248 2222

✉ education@nfsa.gov.au

🌐 www.nfsa.gov.au

High Court of Australia

The seat of the High Court of Australia in a heritage-listed precinct inspires students with its elegant ceremonial courtroom and Public Hall. It's the highest Australian court of appeal, and decides cases of special federal significance, including Constitutional law cases. The symbolic murals on the court's Constitutional and States Walls, and other artworks, provide lessons in politics, history and the creative arts.

Schools that book and visit in first term 2012 will receive an educational DVD about the High Court entitled *Keystone of the Federal Arch*



Free entry and guided tours

☎ 02 6270 6811

☎ 02 6270 6346

✉ bookings@hcourt.gov.au

🌐 www.hcourt.gov.au



Australian National Botanic Gardens

Immerse yourself in the sights, sounds and smells of Australia as you walk coast to coast. Explore Australia's rainforests, deserts, mountain regions and grasslands while investigating the biodiversity of plants and animals and their role in maintaining healthy ecosystems. Just minutes from the city, the Gardens are a perfect place for students to engage their senses and learn or take a break.

The Gardens has a range of hands-on facilitated programs for primary and secondary students to explore Australia's natural heritage and develop as environmentally aware citizens.

50% off day programs for interstate schools during term one, 2012

Visit our website for more information or to book online.

🌐 www.anbg.gov.au/gardens/education

☎ 02 6250 9408



National Portrait Gallery

Interpretation of portraiture connects history, art and the stories of people.

The richness of the portrait collection enables students to explore and respond to a range of themes and emphasises visual art, history, literacy, numeracy, civics and citizenship. Drawing in the Gallery is used in most programs as a tool for thinking and seeing.

Visit in Term 1 2012, to see following feature exhibitions

Australian Impressionist Portraits — 25 November 2011 – 4 March 2012 Celebrates portraits made by Tom Roberts, Arthur Streeton, Charles Conder, Rupert Bunny and many other well known names.

The National Photographic Portrait Prize 2012 — 16 March – 13 May 2012 Reflects the distinctive vision of Australia's aspiring and professional portrait photographers.

All schools making bookings to visit the National Portrait Gallery during term 1 will receive a free copy of *Portrait* magazine and a colour poster.

For more information or bookings, contact our Bookings Officer on ☎ 02 6102 7070 or ✉ bookings@npg.gov.au

Get the whole picture at www.portrait.gov.au



in first term 2012

National Library of Australia

The National Library provides a unique resource for learners of all ages. To assist in use of this rich resource, we offer workshops, presentations and tours suitable for school students, to explore Australian history and culture, information literacy, civics, literature and the arts.

During Term 1 2012, schools receive class sets of *National Treasures from Australia's Great Libraries*, packed with tales of Australia's exploration and settlement, heroes and villains, inventions and industry, environment, sport and war.

Schools visiting will be the first to discover the Treasures Gallery, exhibiting artefacts revealing remarkable stories in Australian history. Students can discover the unexpected behind the scenes of Australia's biggest library, and tour galleries of incredible historical material.

Before you visit, discover the National Library's online resources — including Australian historical newspapers, images, maps, web and music archives — at www.nla.gov.au/education



Bookings can be made on
☎ 02 6262 1271 or
✉ bookings@nla.gov.au
🌐 www.nla.gov.au/education
Cost: \$2 per student



CSIRO Discovery

Experience the amazing world of science research at CSIRO Discovery.

A school visit to CSIRO Discovery is a unique experience, a place where students can view modern science laboratories, engage with exciting interactive exhibits, view the 3D@Discovery theatre, participate in hands-on science activities in the Optuslab and observe stick insects, turtles and mice. Students participate in an education program that encourages them to question, wonder, value ideas and seek explanations.

Mention this ad to receive 50% off your booked day program during February



Bookings are essential
☎ 02 6246 4603 ✉ bookings.discovery@csiro.au

National Zoo And Aquarium

Come face to face with creatures both great and small.

Unlike any other zoo, we offer an interactive and educational experience in a picturesque, safe and friendly environment. Close to the city and other attractions, the zoo provides a change of pace to the day.

On our guided tour, your students can make friends with a snake, hand feed a white lion or tiger, feel the breath of a bear on their face and more.



BOOK NOW FOR FIRST TERM AND SAVE!

Book now to receive a discounted Guided rate of \$10.50 per student during first term 2012. Give your students a unique experience at a reduced price.

Plus, teachers enjoy free coffee and muffins!

Please phone Ph 02 6287 8487 to book this offer.

Book your guided tour at www.nationalzoo.com.au

☎ 02 6287 8487 ✉ frontdesk@nationalzoo.com.au

Royal Australian Mint

Visit the Mint next time you are in Canberra and ...

- ★ Learn how coins are made and make your every own \$1 coin in the Mint shop
- ★ See our robots at work
- ★ Discover some interesting facts about the history of coins in Australia

A visit to the Mint provides links to the history and science components to the National Curriculum. Located not far from the Parliamentary Triangle in Denison street Deakin, this mint is open from 9am – 4pm weekdays and 10am to 4pm weekends.



Visit us in first term 2012 and receive a FREE class set of activities.

Entry is free. School and group bookings can be made online via www.ramint.gov.au or ☎ 02 6202 6999

ROYAL AUSTRALIAN MINT