

# Canberra Camp

## My Top 5 - By Cody

What: CSIRO

Where: north science road

When: Wednesday 13<sup>TH</sup> November 2019 - 9:00 am

What it stands for: Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation

When it was built. The Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation was built in 1916.

I enjoyed going to the CSIOR because I like science.

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What: Australian National War Memorial

When: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

You go to the War Memorial to respect the people who have fought for our country. I liked it because it told us about all the wars Australia has been involved in. I saw the things that people used to fight in the war.

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What: Old Parliament House – The Museum of Democracy

When: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>

We explored what democracy is by watching a video we also did a roll play in the House of Representatives. Harper played at the speaker he helped us to think about the beginning of democracy. We had to debate if we should keep speaker's chair in old parliament house or move it to the new parliament house. We had to wear white gloves because things were old and if we touched to many things our hands might damage them.

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What: Mt Ainsley

When: Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>

We drove up mount Ainsley I wanted to walk up there but it was like 6:00 pm so it was to late. When we got up there the view was awesome I could see the whole of Canberra.

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What: Questacon

When: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

At Questacon we went to room to room learning science and elements like Uranium

**Atomic number:** 92 or Platinum atomic number 78 or Radium atomic number 88.

One room had a little box with string in a straight line if you rub both hands on the strings it feels like your patting a cat. I got a little cube thiny from the gift store.

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## Harper - My top 5!

### 1. A.I.S – Australian Institute of Sport

The Australian Institute of Sport or more commonly known as the A.I.S is a sports camp for young and old Athletes. The A.I.S is my favourite because all of the cool sporty stuff. My favourite thing about the A.I.S is its awesome kids play thingo and my favourite bit about it was the interactive goal kicking simulation I kicked best from 45 metres on a bit of an angel.

2. Questacon – Questacon is a building full of cool science things. My favourite section of Questacon was hard to choose because they were all so cool. One of my favourites was the air pong game, I played against a robot unfortunately the puck got stuck so the robot won. I also liked seeing all the animal skulls there was a crocodile a sheep and a cow just to name a few. I would defiantly go back if I could fly back there and not have to drive the long way on the bus!

3. The War Memorial – I really like the war memorial because there was lots of cool stuff to see. My favourite bit was the wall of poppies or the roll of honour because when you look at it from an angle it looks like a beautiful wall filled with poppies. I bought 3 things from the gift shop 2 tokens 1 had a red poppy on the front the other one had a purple poppy.

4. Parliament House- as soon as I walked in to Parliament House I knew I would love it. There was lots to see once we got up the beautiful marble stairs first we went to the House of Representatives. I took some pictures and learning about why it was green was fascinating. After that we went to the Senate. The senate was actually sitting it was pretty cool to see parliament sit. After that we went up to the roof I felt like rolling down the grass hills. I would have but it would have been dangerous so I didn't. It was a great view of the War Memorial and ANZAC Parade from the top.

5. CSIRO – It was a bit of a drive to get there but we got there in the end. We had to wait a little bit but then we went to the kids centre. We talked about what the CSIRO has invented things like mozzie spray. It was originally used to spray sheep bums to keep the flies away. They have also invented Wi-Fi. Then we played a game where we had to get barcodes and scan them with an Ipad and then we had to find what the question was and then find the answer. I was on a team with Letisha from OLSH and Jacko from Colbo. I had to hold the barcodes Jacko had to scan them with the Ipad and then Letisha had to find them on her map then we presented the answer with the barcode to the presenter. And then we got to have free time to look around the kids centre it was a lot of fun.

# Canberra Camp 2019

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### Monday 11<sup>TH</sup> November

At 7:00 we departed from Elmore. We stopped at Lake McCullum for recess and had a little play. Then we stopped at Holbrooke for lunch, there was an old submarine. We looked around the submarine and took some photos. There was also another big propeller looking thing across from the submarine called a duck's acre.

When we arrived in Canberra we stopped at the National Capital Planning Centre for a session on Canberra to help us understand some of the things that we would be doing in the upcoming days. When we arrived at camp we made our beds and had dinner. We had chicken schnitzel with gravy and vegetables.

### Tuesday 12<sup>TH</sup> November

I woke up at 6:10 woke Isabella up at about 6:16. Then everyone else woke up. After I got ready I went outside and joined the line for breakfast. The first place we went to was the A.I.S tour (Australian Institute of Sport).

First we went to a big sport room which had a basketball cage, sled racing, bike racing, canoe racing and wheelchair race. There were a lot of other cool stuff.

Next place we went to was the G.E.O. (Science Australia). When we walked in there was lots of cabinet filled with interesting rocks. We broke into 2 groups Elmore, Colbinabbin and Nanneella. The first group went into an activity room and we talked about earth quakes and how they happen. Then we got given an activity sheet and we had to go around the room to find the hidden answers. After our time was up we went back out to the big earth quake monitor room to look at the different types of rocks and got another activity sheet to do in that room. There was a rock from the moon there. Then we went back into the activity room and created our own earth quake by jumping on the ground. Our earth quake was bigger than the school before us. After tea we went to a mini golf centre and played some mini golf. IT WAS FUN.

### Wednesday 13<sup>TH</sup> November

On Wednesday we went to the CSIRO it was fun, we had to find our team mates by the symbol that was on our lanyard. The green lanyard had the map the red had the iPad and the blue lanyard had the barcode. You had to scan the barcode with the iPad and then answer the question and go up to our host to check it was correct and whoever answered the most questions in 20 minutes won. Maddie, Max and someone else.

Then we had lunch outside the War Memorial after lunch we went into the War Memorial. We watched a video then our tour guide took us on a tour. After the tour Miss A took just us for a walk around the Memorial and we looked at some of the people on the poppy wall and some of the machines they used in the war. Then we went to the gift shop then we met up with some of the others from the other schools at the front of the memorial.

Then we had a snack and got on the bus to go to Mt Ainsley. It was super high. We took some photos then we went back to the cabins for tea. We had an Asian food and chicken for tea.

Then we went to the museum of democracy. The mace was cool. When we were in the senate we did some role play on what would happen when they were sitting. Harper from Elmore Primary school was dressed up in what the speakers use to wear and Tish was wearing the costume that they would wear nowadays. We did a debate on whether we should keep the chair in the in the old parliament house or the new parliament house. The government won so the chair would stay in the old parliament house and we would get a new one for the new parliament house.

Then we got back on the bus and drove to the new parliament house underground parking lot. Our tour guide took us to the House of Representatives (which was not sitting). Did you know that the House of Representatives is green because it represents the eucalyptus leaves and gum leaves and as the chairs go up the green colour gets lighter to represent how colours change in nature. Then we went to the Senate because they were sitting we went up to a sound proof room to watch and listen. Then another lady took us for a bit more advance role play then we went to the grass roof on top of Parliament house and took some photos. After that we took some more photos out the front of Parliament house then we got back on the bus and drove to the mint.

At The Royal Australian Mint our tour guide took us upstairs the stairs were covered in 5c coins some had been printed and some were plain. Then we learnt about some of the different coins and then went up to see where the coins were made. There was a dancing robot. After we shopped in the gift shop we got back on the bus and went back to our cabins. Some people showered and then we had dinner and then got ready for the Telstra Tower. It was really high and scary up the tower.

#### **Thursday 15<sup>TH</sup> November**

I woke up at 6:11am got dressed and got ready for the day. After breakfast we brushed our teeth and got on the bus.

We went to the deep space centre there were a lot of hills on the way there. It was interesting to see what they used up in space and the moon rock. Then after that we drove the Embassies then we drove to Questacon. We had lunch then we went inside. When you walked in we saw fan that looked like they had hats on them. Then we went to the gift shop and then went with our teachers to look around Questacon. First we went into the robot room that had lots of technology and robots. Then we went into another room that had lots of things to play with and do science experiments. There was this structure that had weights on it that made a pen move to draw a spiral there as a lightening room that would strike lightening then we went to room 6 it was more like a craft room. Then we went to the vertical slide. I didn't go on it.

Then we got back on the bus and we to the Electoral Centre at Old Parliament House. We did a pretend vote. We went into a voting room and learnt how to vote. We voted about fruit. Peaches won which was the fruit I voted for.

Then we went back to our cabins had tea and then watched a movie called Mr Bean in the cinema room. That day was AWSOME!!!

#### **Friday 15<sup>TH</sup> November**

It was a long drive home. When we got into Elmore the bus dropped us at Elmore Primary School.

## **Canberra Camp**

### **My top 5 – Bella**

#### **A.I.S – Australian Institute Of Sport**

*On Tuesday morning we went to A.I.S, the A.I.S is probably my 4<sup>th</sup> favourite. We went into the free play zone where we could practice different sports like basketball, the penguin sled, wheelchair racing. Then we went on a little tour of the site. We saw some people doing gymnastics in the gym they were young children staying at the AIS on a training camp and when we walked past a fitness gym we saw a champion javelin athlete.*

#### **CSIRO**

*Is probably my third favourite place because they have created a lot of helpful things like, titanium bone, WIFI and aerogard. Anyway when we got there we were put into groups of 3 and people had either a blue, red or green lanyard and they had a picture of something on it like a barleymax and other pictures, we had to find people with the same picture as us. As a group we had to scan a little barcode that would ask us a question then we had to search the building to find the information that would give us the answers. Each question was worth 1 2 or 3 points. We came last. Then we had free time to explore and I watched the moon landing on the tv.*

#### **Royal Australia Mint**

*My second favourite place to visit was the Royal Australia Mint. When we first go there we sat down in a gallery with coins all along the walls a lady spoke to us about who the first person was to create coins in Australia and the value of some of the coins. They were making a round 50c coin that cost 52c to make they changed it because it would be cheaper to make and also so people who are blind don't get it confused with the 20c coin. We got to see where they make the coins and Titan the robot he used to lift the barrels of coins. We got to spend some money at the gift shop I got a 2013 penny for my brothers birthday. I also got a money stash that had all 6 coins that were made in 2019.*

#### **Questacon**

*Is my favourite place because it was very scientific and so much fun. There were rooms that all connected to the same walk way that had a number, whilst we were going to room number 4 there were fans coming off the roof and they were colourful and pretty. My favourite room was room 8 with the vertical slide. I was so scared to go on the slide as was afraid I was going to slip. Whilst I was playing a hit the target with a tennis ball game I found a wallet and I told Miss A and then I returned it to one of the workers. Then we got a group photo with Miss A in a lit up blue tunnel the light was crazy it also spun.*

### **Parliament house**

***At the parliament house we walked into the house of Representative and our tour guide told us some facts, asked us a few question related to reps. Then we had to be quite, cause we were walking into the senate while they were having a debate about climate change, when we first went in there we all took a seat while our tour guide turned the speakers on so we could hear what they were saying. Shortly after we went to role play a debate Letisha was dressed up as the speaker and other people I don't really know their names were but they were sitting at the table with speaker, when it was our time to pretend to debate over wether all aussies should drink recyclable water and 7 or so people had paper speech to read out loud, the debate then finished. When we weren't doing anything we went up onto the grass roof we saw an AMAZING view of Canberra, up there we took some photos and there was a cartwheel compition and but I don't know who won.***



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My top 5!!!

By Jordan!

1. Parliament house [old] is my favourite because it showed a lot of history behind Canberra. We did a mini debate about the speaker's chair if we should move it or not. And a lot of other things like a tour around the place. 😊
2. CSIRO [commonwealth scientific and industrial research organization] because of the science. We had to do this really fun activity with items and scanning QR codes.
3. Parliament house [new] because we got to see the Senate sit. After that we got to do our own small debate about recycling water and it was decided we could only use the recycled water for animals.
4. AIS [Australian Institute of Sport] The reason I like the AIS is because there are a bunch of athletic sport training rooms which are awesome and I got to see a man who won the world athletics.
5. Questacon is a science place which study's robots and other cool things. I saw a robot that projected its face on a TV it said 80% of robots will turn evil. The vertical slide I really loved because I was the only person from our school that actually did it.

