

Canberra *Dreaming and Democracy*



Day One: Travel to Canberra and Ngunawal Welcome



Roll into the nation's capital and step straight into story, with a warm Ngunawal welcome that opens Country and frames the journey ahead. Wander the halls of democracy at MoAD, breathe in roses at the Old Parliament House gardens, then spark your competitive side at the AIS as the city lights come on.

Day Five: Voices Past and Present, return home

Step onto the green leather and follow an idea's path to law inside Parliament House, where debates shape the Australia of today. Roll home with journals finished, highlights shared, and one action chosen to carry the spirit of Canberra back to school.

Day Two: Walking in Ancient Footsteps



Taste the seasons on Mount Majura as bush foods, language, and sky lore bring Country to life under expert Ngunawal guidance. Circle Lake Burley Griffin by bike, then lie back beneath a wide southern sky where constellations become maps and the Milky Way flows like a river of memory.

Tidbinbilla

Canberra

Day Four: Objects of Change and Language of Country



Connect art, objects, and living histories at the National Gallery and National Museum, then lean into a Ngunawal language workshop where place names, kinship, and sound reveal how words hold Country. After dark, take to the Arboretum with torches and quiet conversation, wrapping the day in calm views and parting wisdom.

Day Three: Country, Curiosity and the Night Sky



Walk with rangers at Tidbinbilla and stand at Birrigai Rock Shelter where thousands of years of culture echo through stone, lore, and landscape. At the National Museum, handle turning points in First Nations history through curator-style challenges before closing the day with stories and reflection by the fire.



Canberra 5-Day Itinerary



Day 1 The Journey Begins - Travel to Canberra and receive a Ngunawal welcome

- ➊ Early pick up before starting the journey to Canberra, stopping for breaks regularly
- ➋ On arrival, be welcomed by First Nations cultural educators from Ngunawal Country meet your Red Earth leaders.
- ➌ After lunch, step into the Museum of Australian Democracy where history feels close enough to touch. Dive into People Power and Making Change, then explore First Nations Experiences of Democracy to hear the voices that shaped and are still shaping Australia. We finish among the Old Parliament House Rose Gardens, a quiet place to pause and reflect.
- ➍ In the evening, it's game on at the Australian Institute of Sport. Sportex is a high-energy, hands-on circuit where students test speed, balance, and reaction time and step into the world of elite athletes.

Day 2 - Mount Majura and Lake Burley Griffin

- ➊ We kick off into the bush at Tidbinbilla Nature Reserve. Alongside First Nations rangers, students explore bush foods, lore and caring for Country. Birrigai Rock Shelter follows, where cultural educators reveal thousands of years of living culture.
- ➋ Afternoon at the National Museum of Australia where stories live in objects. Students join Deadly Defining Moments to trace turning points in First Nations history, or choose Indigenous Rights and Freedoms to follow the long arc of activism and change. With curator-style tasks, primary sources, and gallery hunts, they connect moments to people and leave with a clearer sense of how history shapes today.
- ➌ As night settles, we gather around the fire while Ngunawal cultural educators share Dreaming stories alongside contemporary experiences, with time for questions and quiet reflection.

Day 3 - Tidbinbilla, Birrigai, and the National Museum

- ➊ Start the day on Mount Majura for a cultural walk and bush foods tour, tasting native ingredients and learning how Country signals the seasons.
- ➋ After lunch, we ride around the famous Lake Burley Griffin
- ➌ Under a wide night sky, students lie back as Ngunawal educators share sky stories and seasonal markers. Constellations become maps, the Milky Way a river of memory. We finish with quiet reflection and a short journal prompt about what wisdom they want to carry home.



Canberra 5-Day Itinerary (Continued)



Day 4 - National Museum and Gallery, Ngunawal Language

- 🕒 Afternoon at the National Museum of Australia where stories live in objects. Students join Deadly Defining Moments to trace turning points in First Nations history, or choose Indigenous Rights and Freedoms to follow the long arc of activism and change. With curator-style tasks, primary sources, and gallery hunts, they connect moments to people and leave with a clearer sense of how history shapes today.
- 🕒 Ngunawal Language Workshop: A guided session in sound and story. Students learn greetings, practise pronunciation, and explore local place names to see how language holds Country, kinship and lore. We finish with simple phrases and a short reflection.
- 🕒 After sunset, it's our final night's reflection alongside cultural educators who share parting words of wisdom.

Day 5 - Parliament House and return home

- 🕒 Finish with a guided walk through Parliament House. Step into the House of Representatives and the Senate, see where debates and decisions happen, and trace how an idea becomes a law in Australia's federal system.
- 🕒 Homeward bound. Bags aboard and wheels rolling, students finish journals, swap highlights, and set one action to carry back to school. Arrival at the start point with farewells and thanks.



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Pricing

Price: From \$1,890 per participant

Pricing and GST

The price shown here is inclusive of GST.

Inclusions

Red Earth organises everything from start to finish. The immersion fee includes:

- 1 Red Earth leader per 30-40 students + bus drivers for each subgroup to transport students, look after the campsite, liaise with First Nations cultural educators, uphold safety standards and help lead adventure and cultural activities
- Accommodation in Cabin/Motel accommodation
- 3 meals per day plus snacks
- All cultural activities led by First Nations cultural educators, including equipment needed for the activities
- All Canberra activities listed in itinerary
- All ground transport with experienced drivers for the duration of the program. All buses have seatbelts
- Air conditioned cabins/rooms shared between a maximum of 6 students
- Twin rooms shared between maximum of 2 staff members with comfortable mattresses
- Red Earth merchandise including a journal and hoodie
- A comprehensive risk mitigation strategy prepared for the school
- Permits and use of land fees
- Insurance for leaders, volunteers and third parties (this does not include insurance for school students and staff)

The following are not included:

- Travel insurance for students (domestic travel is normally covered under your school's policy)
- Souvenirs and purchases (including food) made in transit

Terms of Payment and Cancellation Policy

- To confirm the booking, the client must pay a 25% holding deposit within 14 days of accepting this proposal.
- A second payment of 25% must be paid 12 weeks after the deposit.
- The remaining balance of 50% must be paid 4 weeks before the first day of the program.

For individual students or groups who choose to cancel for any reason, the following Red Earth cancellation policy applies. This includes (but is not limited to) a whole group or student not attending due to injury or illness, and COVID-19 diagnosis.

- Cancelling between due dates for the deposit and second payment will result in the forfeiture of the deposit amount.
- Cancelling between due dates for the second payment and balance will result in the forfeiture of the deposit plus 50% of the second payment.
- Cancelling between the due date for the balance and date of departure will result in the forfeiture of the deposit, the second payment and 50% of the final balance.
- Cancelling on or after the date of departure, or failing to join present without notice, will result in the forfeit of 100% of the fee paid.

Please note changes such as student substitutions, adding new students etc. can not be made later than 2 weeks prior to departure. Until initial deposit payment is received, costs are subject to change at the discretion of Red Earth.

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