

What to expect when you visit the Parliament of NSW



The Parliament of NSW is located between the State Library of New South Wales and Sydney Hospital, at 6 Macquarie Street Sydney.



When you arrive at the Parliament, you will be met at the entry to the Gatehouse by a Parliamentary Educator.

If there is an issue with a demonstration or other disruption on Macquarie Street, you will be notified.

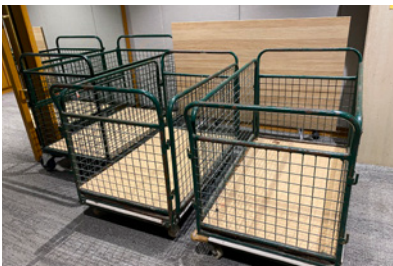


Your group will be shown into the Gate House where students will need to empty their pockets and put items and their bags through an airport style X-ray.

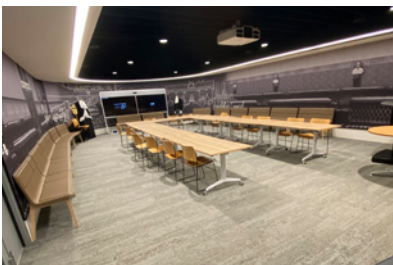
Please remind students not to bring sharp items such as scissors, compasses or sewing kits with them on the day.



Students and teachers will have to walk through an airport style scanner.



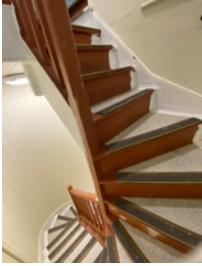
Student bags are stored in metal trolleys on the Parliaments verandah. Bags are not allowed in the Parliament.



Education Centre

The Legal Studies program is delivered in the contemporary, well equipped Education Centre. Toilet facilities including accessible facilities, are located next to the Education Centre. One hour of the Legal Studies program is held in the Education Centre. When available the local Member will meet students in the Education Centre.

Sitting Day Chamber visit Legislative Assembly



When visiting the Legislative Assembly during Question Time on a Sitting Day, students and teachers are required to use the external stairs that were built in 1843. These stairs are narrow and steep. Please let your Parliamentary Education Officer know beforehand if there are any accessibility concerns.

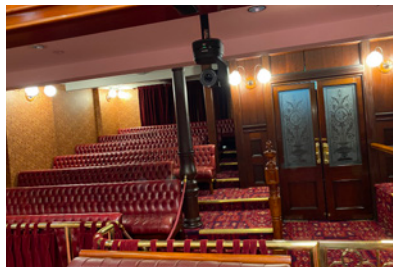
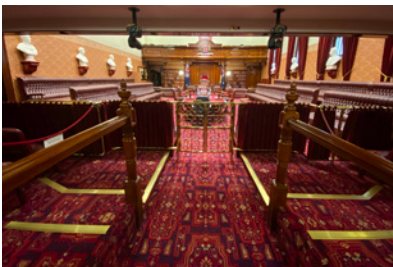


The view from the gallery where students usually sit is excellent. However, for students or teachers concerned about heights it may be challenging. Please let your Parliamentary Education Officer know beforehand if you or your students require additional assistance.

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Non-Sitting Day Chamber visit



If you are attending Parliament on a non-sitting day, students visit both chambers and participate in a short role play. They sit in the members seats on the floor of each house.

The teacher will be given a choice of role plays prior. It is best if students are selected for the various role play roles before the day's program.



Please feel free to take a photograph of your group on the steps before you leave as a memento of the day.



When you exit the building, you will use the metal turnstile. If you have a student needing the gate to be opened, a Special Constable will assist you.