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CENTRAL COAST STUDENTS DISCOVER DEMOCRACY AT PARLIAMENT OF NSW

Students from Central Coast Adventist School complete an almost 200km round trip to experience Australia's first parliament: The Parliament of NSW.

Legal Studies students from Central Coast Adventist School visited NSW Parliament House on Macquarie Street last week.

The students immersed themselves in the real-world applications of their studies from *Part 1: The Legal System* and *Part II: The individual and the law of the Legal Studies Syllabus* topic. They explored the chambers where key debates and decisions occur and learnt about the complexities of lawmaking and the legal system.

Central Coast Adventist School teacher, Martin Kane said the students had a wonderful time on their visit.

"It was great for the students to witness the roles and functions of parliament first-hand, rather than just learning about them in the classroom," he said.

The Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, President of the NSW Legislative Council, said it was inspiring to see the next generation engaging directly with the workings of the parliament and seeing it first-hand.

"The curiosity demonstrated by the students was a great reminder of why we need to foster a strong understanding of democracy from a young age," Mr Franklin said.

The Hon. Greg Piper MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, highlighted the inclusivity of the education programs offered by the parliament that give all students the opportunity, regardless of their location, to get involved in civics education.

"While here, the students got to meet with the local member for Terrigal, Mr Adam Crouch MP, to learn how he represents their electorate," Mr Piper said.

Interactive programs and learning resources are available online for students in regional areas across NSW in addition to the many programs and events held at NSW Parliament House in Sydney. In 2025, we're offering travel subsidies to help schools from regional, remote and rural areas.

The unique programs available to schools include:

- Guided tours
- Legal studies workshops
- Interactive online programs
- A short film competition; and
- Leadership events including a Secondary Student Leadership Program, Young Women's Seminar and the Constitutional Convention.

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