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Western Australian Student is MoAD's 3 Millionth Visitor

On Thursday, 11 July 2019, MoAD (Museum of Australian Democracy) celebrated the 3 millionth visitor to the national cultural institution.

This momentous occasion comes two months after MoAD, housed in the iconic Old Parliament House, celebrated its tenth year.

During the last 10 years, MoAD has successfully engaged 3 million people with Australia's rich democratic history and the intrinsic value of democracy.

MoAD's Assistant Director, Andrew Harper, said that reaching this milestone in during MoAD's tenth year cements the museum as the premier destination for Australia's democratic history.

"We are incredibly excited to reach 3 million visitors. It wouldn't have been possible without our engaging and transformative exhibitions, events and programs developed by our hardworking staff and volunteers."

The 3 millionth visitor was student, Olivia Cheong, from Emmanuel Catholic College in Perth, Western Australia. The student was visiting MoAD to take part in an interactive, curriculum based school program with her school.

During the program, the students explored the heritage spaces of Old Parliament House, took part in historical character role-plays and participated in MoAD's digital democracy trail.

Deborah Sulway, the Manager of Learning at MoAD, is overjoyed that a student was the 3 millionth visitor to MoAD.

"While all of the students that visit MoAD are special, Olivia and her school, Emmanuel Catholic College, are part of a historic moment at MoAD."

Last year, 80,000 students came from all over Australia to participate in MoAD's onsite learning programs. The programs help to enrich student's educational opportunities and enhance their understanding of Australia's democracy.

However, MoAD wants to give all students a chance to explore this iconic building, even if they cannot visit Canberra.

MoAD has recently developed a virtual learning program, the Digital Excursion, which allows students to participate in MoAD's facilitated learning programs from their own classroom, anywhere in Australia.

During the program, students virtually tour through Old Parliament House, learn about the importance of critical thinking in today's media landscape, and explore the key values that underpin Australia's democracy.

Ms Sulway said, "While we often have students visiting from all over Australia, including Western Australia, Victoria and Tasmania, a student should have the same learning opportunities, regardless of whether they visit Canberra."

"Through the Digital Excursion, we aim to take democracy all over Australia, and prepare students for the future, by providing them with the necessary tools and resources to become active citizens" she continued.



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MoAD's Digital Excursion is free to participate in. It is currently offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10.00am, 11.30am and 1.30pm (AEST). For more information, or to make a booking visit www.moadoph.gov.au/digitalexursion

About MoAD

The Museum of Australian Democracy celebrates Australia's proud history as a democratic nation and actively promotes the participation of its citizens in determining its future. It is a place where stories, conversations and narratives from myriad perspectives can be heard and discussed.

MoAD is a museum not just of objects but of ideas. In our iconic heritage building, we tell the story of Australia's journey to becoming one of the world's most vibrant and multicultural democratic nations.

To learn more about MoAD visit www.moadoph.gov.au

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