



## ***Digital Excursion Program – Democracy, Media and Me - Background information for hospital education setting -***

Dear Teachers,

Welcome to the Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD), Canberra. We're a museum located in the iconic Old Parliament House (OPH). Our mission is to engage Australians in our democracy and how they can have a voice in it. MoAD Learning develops and delivers programs for primary and secondary students and teachers.

Our digital excursion program *Democracy, Media and Me* closely aligns with the Australian Curriculum specifically Civics and Citizenship and HASS Learning areas. Every month for the past year we have been successfully running a modified version of this program with students at the Canberra Hospital School.

This program is:

- engaging for students from Kindergarten to Year 12
- able to multi-connect, to both an education room and to students in the ward

### **Modified program content:**

*The program runs for approximately 30 minutes and covers the following areas (described briefly below) -*

- Welcome to MoAD – and context about why we are situated in OPH, a brief history of OPH as the home of federal parliament, and the heritage nature of the building
- The role of the Senate Chamber and the House of Representatives Chamber – interpreting objects and exploring links to the Westminster System; the process of creating laws and key roles
- Role of the media in the House of Representatives Chamber and our democracy – exploring the ABC radio booth, links to rights and responsibilities in our democracy specifically freedom of speech and expression
- Our roles as active citizens in a democracy – how we can be involved and what we can do to help make changes.

### **In the program we:**

- use snippets of sound files from the past to engage the students (eg first broadcast from the ABC radio booth in the House of Representatives Chamber; Speaker of the House – Madame Joan Childs in the House of Representatives Chamber; protests outside OPH etc)
- show images of the building and events that have occurred here
- utilise video footage to show a walk-through of areas of the building
- have students participate in a series of true/false activities during the program (thumbs up and thumbs down), provide the opportunity for discussion with the facilitator about the content being presented.

### **How do we do this?**

Connect with you via an iPad using the free meeting app Zoom. This device is connected to a TV/similar (for a classroom environment), or individually on iPads/smart phone if in the wards. We will send you instructions about how to set this app up for the program.

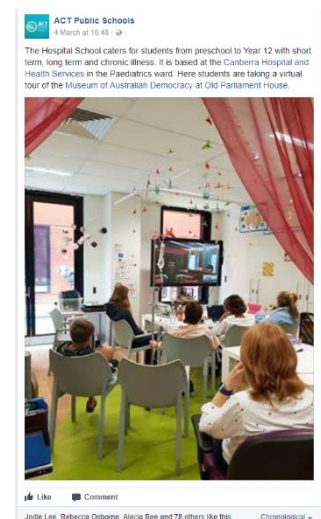
### **When is it offered?**

- For hospital schools we are able to be flexible. You let us know when you would like to connect with us.

### **Cost?**

Free

**Pre/post activities** – We have a range of activities to suit all age levels and will send them through at the time of booking.





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If this excursion is of interest to you or your colleagues, we certainly look forward to hearing from you. Also, please feel free to pass this information to other interested teachers in your network.

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