



## MoAD educates next generation of voters through song

### Students to perform on the iconic front steps of Old Parliament House

Students from the Ainslie Primary School Choir will perform a song about democracy on the front steps of MoAD (Museum of Australian Democracy) on 9 May 2019.

The 9<sup>th</sup> of May is a significant date in Australian history as well as for MoAD. It's the day in 1901 when Australia's first Federal Parliament sat; again in 1927, when this building was opened; in 1988 when the current Parliament House was opened and this year it marks MoAD's 10<sup>th</sup> birthday.

MoAD continues to recognise the importance of engaging the younger generations and creating an environment in which they feel empowered to engage with conversations around politics.

During the performance, students will sing a song commissioned by MoAD, titled *Call to Action* which was written by Canberra Performing Arts teacher, Tim Bevitt.

The song explores themes of active citizenship and democratic process, and it encourages young people to make a change in the world.

"As the voters of tomorrow, it is important to educate young people in civics and citizenship in ways that makes it engaging for them." says the Manager of Learning, Deborah Sulway.

"Here at MoAD we believe in participatory education and include interactive digital experiences, dress up role play and hands on learning activities as education tools" she continued.

Ainslie Primary School has a strong connection to Old Parliament House as both buildings were opened in 1927 and designed by the same architect, John Smith Murdoch.

#### 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.

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.

MoAD is a place where stories, conversations and narratives from myriad perspectives can be heard and discussed.

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**WHAT:** Ainslie Primary School choir to perform on front steps of Old Parliament House

**WHEN:** 10:30am, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 – a significant day in Australian history

**WHERE:** MoAD, Old Parliament House