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NSW PARLIAMENT INVITES FAMILIES TO EXPLORE DEMOCRACY THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The home of democracy in NSW is open this January in the Sydney CBD.

The Parliament of New South Wales, with its newly restored chambers, is gearing up to host an influx of visitors, with hundreds of families expected to embark on a fascinating journey through Australia's oldest Parliament.

Explore the captivating stories of architecture and history that reside within our walls - from the hand-carved Speaker's Chair to the packing crates that form the inner structure of the Legislative Council chamber walls, there is an abundance of intrigue for all.

President of the NSW Legislative Council, The Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, says families and history lovers are encouraged to take advantage of this immersive and educational experience, offering a behind-the-scenes look at the inner workings of democracy in NSW.

"Our doors are open to all, and everyone's invited to explore the home of democracy this Summer."

"During the school holidays, we are delighted to open our chambers and some of our most historically significant rooms to everyone. From 8 January 2024, join us for free guided tours every weekday at 11:30am and 1:30pm."

"Regardless of your age, this is a fantastic opportunity for the whole family to explore Australia's first and oldest Parliament," Mr. Franklin said.

The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, The Hon. Greg Piper MP, welcomes the public's open access to the Parliament of NSW.



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"This parliamentary institution is one of a unique few in the world where anyone can walk on the chamber floors, and even sit in the Speaker's chair and the President's chair on our free public tours."

"Visitors have the opportunity to immerse themselves in the heart of the parliamentary precinct while admiring the stunning 200-year-old architecture and gaining insight into the role, history and functions of our Parliament."

"Joining a tour is easy. If you want to book, simply go to our website, or you can also just show up on the day," Mr. Piper said.

Our tours team is eagerly awaiting the opportunity to welcome families and individuals to explore the historic chambers and enjoy this engaging educational experience. For additional details or to secure your spot on one of these free tours, please visit the [Parliament of NSW website](#). For comprehensive information to help you plan your day, explore [the accessibility and inclusion section of the website](#).

While you're here, visit our exhibition space in the Fountain Court, which has exhibitions changing monthly and our [Reconciliation Wall](#), which reflects the Parliament's commitment to reconciliation through featuring regular exhibits from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and artists. The exhibition space is currently showcasing [Restoration of Truth](#) by the Boomalli Aboriginal Artists Co-operative, in honour of the 25th anniversary of the Reconciliation Wall.

Plan your next visit to NSW Parliament for an all-encompassing dining experience. Indulge in our diverse year-round dining options, ranging from a decadent [high tea](#) to a delightful three-course lunch paired with exquisite NSW wines at [Strangers' Restaurant](#), offering stunning views of The Domain.