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## **NSW PARLIAMENT WELCOMES** FAMILIES THIS SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

## Discover democracy and enjoy free, educational family fun in the Sydney CBD.

Hundreds of families are expected to take a tour of the Parliament of NSW during the September school holidays with the return of increased public tours.

President of the NSW Legislative Council, The Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, encourages parents and carers to embark on an immersive journey into democracy through the gates of Australia's oldest Parliament.

"While vital restoration works are still underway on the façade of Parliament House, our chambers and some historic rooms are open for everyone in NSW to enjoy, every weekday 11:30am and 1:30pm during the school holidays.

"No matter your age, this is your opportunity to experience Australia's first and oldest Parliament. It's a fun free day out for the whole family," Mr Franklin said.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, The Hon. Greg Piper MP, emphasises the open and free access visitors have to the Parliament of NSW.

"This is one of the only parliaments in the world where anyone can walk on the chamber floors, let alone sit in the Speaker's chair or the President's chair.

"You will experience the parliamentary precinct and see the beautiful 200-year-old architecture while learning more about the role, history, and work of the Parliament," Mr Piper said.

Our Tours team are excited to welcome you to the historic chambers.



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For those looking to extend their visit, the Parliament of NSW offers refreshments at the <u>Public Café</u> and <u>Strangers' Restaurant</u>, both of which offer breath-taking views of The Domain, a lush green space in the heart of Sydney's CBD.

As part of the exhibition space in the Fountain Court, you can also visit the <u>Reconciliation</u> <u>Wall</u>, which reflects the Parliament's commitment to reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, with regular exhibits from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander organisations and artists.

Can't make it in person? Learn more about our free virtual online school holidays program *Free Family Fun with the Parliament of NSW*.