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## AUBURN STUDENTS' IMMERSIVE EXPERIENCE AT NSW PARLIAMENT

**Students from Auburn Public School ventured into Sydney's CBD to explore a cornerstone of Australia's democracy: the Parliament of NSW.**

The Year 5/6 students role-played in the chambers as the Speaker, Serjeant-At-Arms, Minister for Education and the Shadow Minister for Education during their visit to the Parliament of NSW as part of their Stage 3 curriculum.

They sat in the very seats where Members of Parliament debate and make critical decisions about their community. Students asked questions and learned about their role as a citizen and the role of their elected representative.

The students were joined by their local representative, Ms Lynda Voltz, Member for Auburn.

"It was a pleasure to welcome Auburn Public School to parliament. Having students from my local community experience how democracy works is invaluable. It provides a deeper understanding of the democratic process and the vital role we play in shaping our future."

The Hon. Greg Piper MP, Speaker of the NSW Legislative Assembly, was also able to greet the students when they visited, further impressing upon them the importance of civics education.

"Teaching students about democracy early is crucial. For schools in the Sydney metro area, parliament is accessible by train, metro, or bus for an excursion into the city.

"It's a chance to see democracy live and understand how parliament debates and decides on issues that shape daily life for families and communities."

The Hon. Ben Franklin MLC, President of the NSW Legislative Council, highlighted the parliament's commitment to inclusivity, ensuring educational opportunities were available to all students across the state.

"Visiting a parliament not only deepens understanding of democracy but also fosters engagement, empowering these young people to see their role within the system."



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