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PARLIAMENT OF NSW OPEN FOR BUSINESS THESE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Looking for something free, educational, and fun to do with your children these school holidays? NSW Parliament House is open so families can explore the history of Australia's first and oldest parliament.

President of the NSW Legislative Council, Ben Franklin encourages parents and children to experience democracy these school holidays. By entering the historic chambers at the Parliament of NSW and sitting in the very seats where decisions are made, children can start their journey to being an active citizen in our democracy.

"It really is a wonderful opportunity, and something I'd encourage everyone to explore, regardless of age. This is a unique opportunity to visit both parliamentary chambers where our representatives debate and make laws for the citizens of this state."

During the school holidays, the engaging tours will be held every weekday at 11.30am and 1.30pm. Highlights of the one-hour tour include the chance to sit in the Speaker and President's chair and hear directly from staff who work in the chambers when parliament sits. Visitors might even get to glimpse the historic restoration underway in our over 200-year-old building.

Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Greg Piper said he loves that the tours give everyone the opportunity to take a seat in the chamber and experience parliament in-person.

"There aren't many parliaments in the world where you can do that. I hope exploring the place where important decisions are made and getting immersed in the rich heritage of our democracy will leave a lasting impression on future leaders."

For more details or to book your free tour, visit the [Parliament of NSW website](http://www.parliament.nsw.gov.au). Find more information to help plan your day in the [accessibility and inclusion section of the website](#).

If you would like to spend more time at the Parliament of NSW and are looking for a bite to eat, visit the [Public Café](#) or [Strangers' Restaurant](#), which overlooks The Domain, a lush green space in the Sydney CBD.



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Other events at Parliament of NSW coming soon:

June and July – visit exhibitions in the Parliament's unique spaces. Along the Reconciliation Wall (our dedicated space for engaging with and promoting Aboriginal artists) see [Songline](#) – a collection of bespoke artworks by Northern Rivers artist Kim Healey exploring Bundjalung culture and connection to country. In the Fountain Court, visit the latest high-calibre exhibition in our ongoing program that brings in new exhibitors from across the state each month. [See the Fountain Court program.](#)

3-7 July – [Free family fun with the Parliament of NSW](#): virtual online educational events these school holidays that are perfect for children up to 12 years old.

September school holidays – public tours on weekdays at 11.30am and 1.30pm.

October – Family Fun Week: online events provide a range of fun, educational and interactive activities.