

5/6 EXCURSION TO PARLIAMENT

Last Monday on the 10th of February the Grade 5/6s were honoured to visit the Parliament House of Victoria. During the visit we got to see the House of Representatives and the Senate Chamber. In the House of Representatives, I was lucky to be chosen as the Speaker. (A Speaker is where they regulate the debate and proceedings of the House). Our Tour Guide taught us the three main stages of how a bill is passed. Once we had a quick lesson we then quickly moved on to the Role-Play. We acted like we were Members of Parliament. For our 'genre' it was banning gambling ads. One side agreed to it the other disagreed. We discussed why it was good or not good to ban it. The majority sided with banning gambling ads. It was such a teachable experience for me and that taught me leadership, fairness, and confidence. We really enjoyed this educational experience of a Parliament member.

- Natalie F 5/6M



