

YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY EXCURSION TO SYDNEY

At 5.45am on Monday 29th August Year 11 Hospitality, Mrs McPhillamy and myself departed (bleary eyed) on the Bathurst bullet to Sydney.

First stop - Central station and then on to Town Hall where we walked to the iconic Sydney Tower, Sydney's famous tower which hovers 306m over the city. We met our friendly tour guide Daniella who started us on a back of house tour. We walked through the large commercial kitchen and stores areas which operate 4 floors under ground level. Chef Michael explained how the kitchen operates and the importance of strict hygiene requirements at Sydney Tower, feeding up to 960 guests per day!

Next was a front of house tour encompassing the 3 different dining experiences offered at Sydney Tower; the fine dining restaurant, buffet and the function room, all with the most enviable views in Sydney. We found out about the types of customers that each different dining area attracted had a direct affect on the seasonal menus designed. To finish off our tour we indulged in an extensive buffet lunch and revolved around Sydney at the same time.

Our second stop was a visit to Sheraton on the Park, an exquisite 5 star hotel overlooking Hyde Park. We were guided through back and front of house by Rachel and Megan from Human Resources. A highlight was our time in the Royal Suite where stars like One Direction and Kylie Minogue have stayed when in Sydney. We spoke to the Head Chef in one of the 3 kitchens and saw first hand room service on the go getting orders prepared.

To finish the day we enjoyed 2 hours of 'retail therapy' shopping in Pitt St Mall before heading back on the train late afternoon. Thanks to all the students for their immaculate behavior and the respect shown towards the tour guides and hotel staff. Thank you to Mrs McPhillamy for accompanying us to Sydney for the day and assisting with the organisation on the excursion.

