# **MEDIA RELEASE**

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# Over 300,000 students will participate in a first-of-its-kind digital excursion to Canberra on Monday

The Museum of Australian Democracy (MoAD) will be virtually streaming its digital program Democracy: Our House, Our Voices to tens of thousands of students across the country on Monday 30 August, 2021.

## **Bringing the Capital into homes**

As part of a collaborative virtual week in Canberra, MoAD is one of nine Cultural Institutions presenting rich curriculum aligned programs to support those students who are unable to travel to the Nation's Capital. Organised via DART Learning, an initiative of the New South Wales Department of Education, the free virtual sessions have already reached over 300,000 student registrations. This is a great opportunity to connect with remote and regional areas, and support the many young people and teachers across the country.

Find more information about the full program <a href="here">here</a>

### **Empowering Young People**

MoAD has developed a highly interactive experience for students exploring historical spaces and some of the trailblazing people who worked in Old Parliament House. Students will have the opportunity to consider their voice in our democracy and how they support others in their class, school and local community. With an expected audience of over 30,000 students from across the country, MoAD presenters Learning Design Producer Karlee Baker and Learning Manager Dr Stephanie Smith are excited to connect and share stories with the students. Dr Stephanie Smith said, "We have been overwhelmed by the volume of students registering for the program and excited to share with them our passion for developing their understanding and knowledge of the important role they have in our democracy."

### **Digital Excursions and Workshops**

While Canberra is in lockdown, the MoAD Learning Team has transitioned to presenting high-quality programs from the comfort of their homes. Throughout August our skilled museum educators have been able to reach over 400 students through connections to classrooms and those in remote learning. The uptake of digital excursions has significantly increased since students in New South Wales and Victoria have been unable to travel. MoAD's suite of online programs have meant we are still able to support teachers and create rich, meaning learning experiences for students.

Here is a link to the variety of <u>digital programs</u> teachers can book.