This Easter promises to be an exciting adventure for 26 Hornsby girls who are studying Senior Visual Arts or TAS subjects. The girls will be spending 14 days in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington DC as part of their enrichment studies for Visual Arts, Textiles and Design and Food Technology. They will be boarding Qantas Flight 107 to New York on Good Friday.

This excursion is the first to combine both the Visual Arts and TAS faculties. A very exciting, educational and cultural experience has been planned for the girls by Ms Armitage from the Visual Arts Faculty and Mrs. McGuire the coordinator of the TAS faculty. The students will also be accompanied by Ms De Losa (Head Teacher of Visual Arts and TAS), Mrs. Moldrich and Mr. McGuire and Mr. Bagot.

In New York the educational and cultural highlights include the Museum of Modern Art, Guggenheim Museum, Fashion Institute of Technology, Frick museum, Whitney Museum, Museum of Natural History and the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

The girls will experience cultural highlights which include push bike riding and ice skating in Central Park, a Broadway show, a walking tour of Greenwich Village and Soho. A visit to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island Museum and Immigration Centre via a cruise and a walk by the 9/11 site afterwards. The girls will be spending Easter Sunday in Harlem at a gospel church service; attend two cooking schools including a Brooklyn Bridge and Brooklyn food tour and a Jewish Food tour and a visit to the Tenement Museum. Also the girls will visit NBC studios and a Top of the Rock tour and squeeze in time to see Times Square.

The group will be leaving New York after 9 days and head by coach to Pennsylvania and visit the Amish community in Lancaster including a school, farm and talk to a local Amish school teacher and a meal at an Amish community restaurant. The next day we take a tour to the Hershey Chocolate factory where the girls make your own Chocolate bar and then to by Frank Lloyd Wright’s award winning architectural designed house at Falling Waters for a sunset tour.

Day 11 will see the group heading to Washington DC where we will be taking a tour which includes Arlington Cemetery, the White House, the Air and Space Museum and Vietnam Memorial. The next day the students will visit the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History, the Smithsonian American History and the Spy museum.

The tour group leaves for Sydney from Washington DC to arrive on Saturday 21st April 2012. We are anticipating the girls will be exhausted but thoroughly stimulated by their experiences and we are all very excited by this great opportunity. Stay tuned for a detailed report when we return next term.

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