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SCHOOL LEADERS VISIT PARLIAMENT HOUSE

Leading school students from Lake Macquarie met yesterday with their local MP at Macquarie Street.

Amy Fuller, Girls Captain at Toronto High School and Jarrad Griffin, Boys Captain at Morisset High School met with Member for Lake Macquarie Greg Piper as part of a visit by students from Hunter and Central Coast regions.

Greg gave Amy and Jarrad a personal tour of Parliament House in addition to the group tour to the theatre and Legislative Assembly Chamber.

Greg said:

"It was pleasing to see the genuine interest that Amy and Jarrad had in the processes of government."

"The school leaders of today are our hope for the future."

A report from Amy and Jarrad

As Captains of Morisset and Toronto High Schools, we were privileged to attend a Student Leaders Day at Parliament House. We were honoured to hear from many parliamentarians of different political alignment. This included Greg Piper, MP for Lake Macquarie, giving us a personal tour of Parliament House. Several politicians outlined to us elements of leadership and the importance of the political system within any community. Later in the day, we were fortunate to visit Government House and meet Dr. Marie Bashir, Governor of NSW.

Being socially-aware student leaders of the Lake Macquarie region, it was an excellent opportunity to learn more about representation and political roles within our state, discovering that politics is vastly different to how it is interpreted by the media.

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