

YOUTH MEMBER BRIEF

Congratulations on becoming a Youth Member of Parliament!

Youth Parliament is a chance for you to participate in a true to life parliamentary experience as a member of a Youth Government or Youth Opposition.

Date: Thursday 5 June, 2025

Time: 9:00am for 9:30am Start - 01:00pm

Venue: Parliament House

WHAT NEXT?

1. Write a speech
 - Youth Premier / Youth Leader of the Opposition - 2 minutes
 - Other Youth Members - 1 minute
2. Deliver your speech in a Parliamentary Chamber
3. Vote in 2 divisions (formal votes) on the day of the Youth Parliament

FAQs

Is there a particular text type/format my speech has to follow?

You can start your speech with "Thank you Speaker". There is no set format that your speech must follow unless you are given one by your teacher.

I am really nervous about speaking in front of everyone!

The other Youth Members are all feeling nervous about speaking too. The more you practise your speech at school, the more confident you will feel. On the day of the Youth Parliament, you can ask the Parliamentary Education team for help. If you make a mistake in your speech, you can ask the Speaker to start your speech again.

Can people come to watch me?

Of course! Your family and supporters are most welcome. Please ask them to RSVP here so we can cater for their morning tea.



YOUTH MEMBER ETIQUETTE

There are some rules that each participant must follow in the Parliament. The following list of Parliamentary etiquette is based on the rules that apply to real members in the Legislative Assembly of Queensland. Behaviour should always be appropriate and respectful.

All Parliamentary staff and Youth Members must follow this code while in the Chamber:

- When speaking, address the Presiding Officer (Speaker or Deputy Speaker) by their title. You can use "Speaker", "Mister Speaker" or "Madam Speaker".
- Bow to the Speaker when entering or leaving the Chamber.
- Rise when the Speaker enters or leaves the Chamber.
- Sit down or remain seated when the Speaker speaks or is speaking.
- When moving around in the Chamber, never pass between the Speaker and the Youth Member speaking.
- Do not turn your back on the Speaker, except when leaving the Chamber.
- Follow all directions given by the Speaker.
- Be respectful and behave appropriately in the Chamber at all times.
- Applause is not permitted in the Chamber or Gallery. To show support or agreement, you can say, "Hear, hear!" instead of clapping.
- Use appropriate and respectful language.

NAME: -----

CLASS: -----

I am the Youth Minister/Member for

I am a Member of the:

GOVERNMENT

OPPOSITION

I am speaking in the:

Government Motion

Opposition Motion

Private Members' Statements

Adjournment Debate

My position:

Against this idea.

In favour of this idea.

On a topic of local or state interest.

USE THIS SPACE TO MAP IDEAS FOR YOUR SPEECH





SPEECH DRAFT

Thank you, Speaker,

OPENING LINES

- I rise to speak on the motion...
- I am pleased to support the motion...
- I rise to inform the House...
- I draw the attention of the House to...
- I inform this House of...
- Today I would like to share with the House...

Thank you, Speaker.