



Queensland Parliament
Education and Liaison

Legal Studies Youth Parliament

Teacher Briefing



About the *event*.



The Legal Studies Youth Parliament gives your students the opportunity to experience Queensland's legislative process first-hand.

Students act as Youth Members to either:

- debate a (mock) Bill, or
- provide a Private Members' Statement or speak in an adjournment debate.

Some students will have a non-speaking or scripted role.

Roles and responsibilities

	You	Your student(s)
Prior to Youth Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Select student(s) to participate.• Assign each student a role.• Hand out, collect and return all forms to us.• Assist with speech writing and editing (if required).• Print out a copy of the speech (if required).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Complete and return all forms.• Research, write and practice speech.• Print out a copy of the speech.
Youth Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervise student(s).	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deliver speech and/or fulfil requirements of role.

Youth Parliament *program.*

Brisbane Legal Studies Youth Parliament
Friday 23 May 2025
Parliament House, Brisbane
8.30am for a 9.00am start to 1.30pm

- 8.30am to 9.00am—Registration opens
- 9.00am to 9.25am — Student briefing
- 9.30am to 12.30pm — Legal Studies Youth Parliament (including Morning Tea)
- 12.30pm to 1.30pm — Official photographs

Visit our Plan
your excursion
webpage for
information on
getting here,
resources etc.



The (majority) Government

The Government is made up of party who has the support of the majority of members elected to the Legislative Assembly.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• AB Paterson College• Australian Christian College (Moreton Campus)• Bellbird Park State Secondary College• Brisbane Boys' College• Brisbane School of Distance Education• Centenary Heights State High School• Grace Lutheran College (Caboolture Campus)• Groves Christian College• Hillcrest Christian College | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mabel Park State High School• Pacific Lutheran College• Redlynch State College• Rochedale State High School• Springwood State College• St Joseph's College, Coomera• St Joseph's College Gregory Terrace• Wavell State High School |
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Key roles—the Government

- Youth Premier—Springwood State High School
- Youth Deputy Premier—Pacific Lutheran College
- Youth Minister for Young People—Hillcrest Christian College
- Leader of the House—Bellbird Park State Secondary College
- Youth Government Whip—Mabel Park State High School

The Opposition

The Opposition is the next largest party that does not form the government.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Aquinas College• Australian Christian College (Distance Education)• Cannon Hill Anglican College• Canterbury College• Cleveland District State High School• Grace Lutheran College (Rothwell Campus) | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kedron State High School• Kepnock State High School• Loreto College• Marymount College• Padua College• Robina State High School• Southport State High School |
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Key roles —the Opposition

- Youth Leader of the Opposition—Canterbury College
- Youth Deputy Leader of the Opposition—Marymount College
- Youth Shadow Minister for Police and Corrective Services—Robina State High School
- Youth Shadow Attorney-General—Australian Christian College (DE)
- Youth Shadow Minister for Young People—Cannon Hill Anglican College
- Youth Opposition Whip—Kepnock State High School

Other *Key* roles

These are either scripted or non-speaking roles (no preparation required).

- **Youth Sergeant-at-Arms**—Rochdale State High School
- **Youth Clerk**—Grace Lutheran College (Caboolture)
- **Youth Attendants (Government)**—Wavell State High School, Springwood State High School
- **Youth Attendants (Opposition)**—Grace Lutheran College (Rothwell), Canterbury College
- **Press Gallery**—Hillcrest Christian College, Bellbird Park State Secondary College, Kedron State High School, Australian Christian College (Moreton)

1. **Opening of the Legal Studies Youth Parliament**
2. **Leaders' Statements—Youth Premier and Youth Leader of the Opposition**
3. **Electoral Amendment (Mock) Bill 2025**
 - Introduction and First Reading—Moved by the Youth Deputy Premier
 - Second Reading
4. **Private Members' Statements**
5. **Electoral Amendment (Mock) Bill 2025**
 - Consideration in Detail—Amendments moved by the Youth Shadow Minister for Police and Corrective Services and the Youth Minister for Young People
 - Third Reading—Moved by the Youth Deputy Premier
6. **Adjournment Debate**
7. **Close of the Legal Studies Youth Parliament**

Speech information

Speech length

- Maximum 2 minutes (Youth Premier, Youth Leader of the Opposition, Youth Deputy Premier and Youth Deputy Leader of the Opposition).
- Maximum 1 minute (everyone else).

Generic structure

- Persuasive for Leaders' Statements, Second reading and Consideration in Detail
- Persuasive or informative for Private Members' Statements and Adjournment Debate

Preparation tips

- Do not use palm cards.
- Print on A4 paper—use large, easy-to-read font.
- Write the seat name at the top (i.e. Member for Tully).

Top tips to share with your students

- Use the **explanatory notes** and **statement of compatibility** as a source—they highlight the reasons for (and against) a proposed law.
- Apply the **analysis** and **evaluation skills** developed in Legal Studies to the Bill. For example—
 - examine associated viewpoints and their consequences, or
 - use legal criteria to justify the Bill or amendment.
- Focus on **one** legal issue.

Due dates.

What?	Due date
Return participant detail form and Guardian/Caregiver RSVPs to the Parliamentary Education team. (1 per school)	COB Friday 28 March 2024 (Week 9)
Return photo consent form to the Parliamentary Education team. (1 per student and teacher)	COB Friday 28 March 2024 (Week 9)