



Queensland Parliament
Education and Liaison

Brisbane South Youth Parliament

Teacher Briefing



About the event



Brisbane East Youth Parliament, 2023.

Our Youth Parliament program gives your students the opportunity to experience some of the functions of Queensland Parliament **first-hand**.

Students who are given a **speaking role** as a Youth Member will either:

- give a **Leaders' Statement**, or
- debate **for or against a motion**, or
- provide a **Private Members' Statement**, or
- speak in an **Adjournment Debate**.

Some students will have a **non-speaking or scripted role** (no prior preparation required).

Key details

Brisbane South Youth Parliament
Friday 8 August 2025
Parliament House, Brisbane
9.00am for a 9.30am start to 1.30pm

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



- 9.00am to 9.30am—Registration (enter via George Street)
- 9.30am to 9.50am—Student briefing
- 10.00am to 1.00pm—Youth Parliament (including Morning Tea)
- 1.00pm to 1.30pm—Official photographs

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 the Photo Consent Form.• 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.

Due dates

Visit our *Brisbane
South Youth
Parliament*
webpage for all
forms and links.



What?	Due date
Return Participant Detail Form to the Parliamentary Education team. (1 per school)	COB Monday 23 June 2025 (Week 10, Term 2)
Return Photo Consent Form to the Parliamentary Education team. (1 per student)	COB Friday 18 July 2025 (Week 1, Term 3)
Share the link to purchase a free ticket to attend the Youth Parliament. (1 per parent, caregiver or guest)	Ticket link closes COB Friday 18 July 2025 (Week 1, Term 3)

Government

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

- Carbrook State School
- Citipointe Christian College
- Dutton Park State School
- Greenslopes State School
- Islamic College of Brisbane
- Manly West State School
- Moreton Bay College
- Pallara State School
- St John Vianney's
- Sunnybank State School
- Warrill View State School

Opposition

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

- Capalaba State College
- Coorparoo State School
- Hilliard State School
- MacGregor State School
- Robertson State School
- Somerville House
- St Joachim's Primary School

Youth Parliament

92

students will
be allocated
1 of the
following



A Vision for Queensland

Government Motion

Private Members' Statement

Opposition Motion

Adjournment Debate

Vision for Queensland

This speech is only given by the Youth Premier and Youth Leader of the Opposition.

It asks the student to explore the question—*What Queensland will you create as a leader?*



2 minutes maximum



Persuasive

Government Motion

Speaker, I move that this Youth Parliament supports the following provisions to improve the facilities and learning outcomes of Queensland primary schools:

1. That all students in Years 5 and 6 be taught how to prepare at least five simple and healthy meals for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, as part of their regular school learning.
2. That every primary school have access to a 25-metre swimming pool and a 100-metre running track, either on school grounds or within a 5-minute walk, to encourage fitness and outdoor activity.
3. That all students be provided with a sit-stand desk in classrooms to support healthy posture and focused learning throughout the day.
4. That primary schools move to a four-day school week, with school days finishing at 4:30pm, to allow more time for creative activities, sport, rest, and family.



1 minute maximum



Persuasive



Government Youth Members argue **for**.

Opposition Youth Members argue **against**.

Just select
one point
to speak
on.

“ That all students in Years 5 and 6 be taught how to prepare at least five simple and healthy meals for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, as part of their regular school learning. ”



A **Government Youth Member** may say: *Learning how to cook a simple and healthy meal from a young age will help us know what foods are good for our bodies.*



A **Opposition Youth Member** may say: *We already have lots of subjects, and adding cooking might take time away from learning other important skills like subtraction or reading.*

Opposition Motion

Speaker, I move that this Parliament supports the following provisions to improve awareness of Queensland's endangered wildlife, flora and environment:

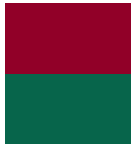
1. That all primary schools in Queensland be provided with both recycling and compost bins, and that compost made at school be used in school gardens.
2. That all cats sold or adopted in Queensland must be desexed unless the owner is a registered breeder, to help protect native wildlife.
3. That Queensland introduce a refund scheme where people can return captured cane toads to local councils or wildlife centres and receive a small monetary reward to help control this invasive species.
4. That every primary school be given a financial subsidy to take Year 5 and 6 students on a science excursion to one of Queensland's World Heritage sites — such as the Great Barrier Reef, Daintree Rainforest, or K'gari (Fraser Island) — to learn more about endangered ecosystems and how to protect them.



1 minute maximum



Persuasive

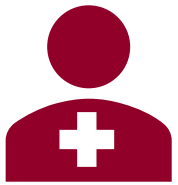


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A Opposition Youth Member may say: *Giving money to all primary schools to visit places like the Great Barrier Reef will help students understand why protecting the environment is so important.*



A Government Youth Member may say: *Giving all schools money to visit a World Heritage site will mean there is no money to pay for other important education supplies.*

Private Members' Statement Adjournment Debate

Think of
this as a
free choice
topic!

Students speak on any topic or issue that falls within either the:

- Queensland jurisdiction *i.e. School, Environment, Health, Roads, Law and Order etc.*
- Local jurisdiction *i.e. Street, Suburb, Playground, Park, Library etc.*

In the past students have spoken about the high cost of fresh fruit and vegetables, youth crime, speed limits on roads, lack of school resources or facilities, scooters and e-bikes, an endangered animal, homelessness, the Brisbane Olympics, natural disaster assistance, bullying, public transport etc.



1 minute maximum



Persuasive or informative

Speech preparation tips

- Do not use palm cards.
- Print the speech on A4 paper—use large, easy-to-read font.
- Write the seat name at the top (i.e. Member for Tully).
- Focus on 1 key point.
- Start with:
 - *Speaker, I rise to speak on...*
 - *Speaker, I rise to inform the House...*
 - *Speaker, I draw the attention of the House...*
- Conclude with *Thank-you, Speaker.*