



# Gold Coast Youth Parliament

Friday 27 March 2026

Teacher Briefing



Queensland Parliament  
Education and Liaison

# 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

Gold Coast Youth Parliament  
Friday 27 March 2026  
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, opposite City Botanic Gardens)
- 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

	Teachers	Your student(s)
<b>Prior to Youth Parliament</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Select student(s) to participate.</li><li>• Assign each student a role.</li><li>• Hand out, collect and return all forms to us.</li><li>• Assist with speech writing and editing (if required).</li><li>• Print a copy of students' speeches (if required).</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Follow up at home—Photo Consent, guest registrations before closing date.</li><li>• Research, write and practise their speech.</li><li>• Print a copy of their speech.</li></ul>
<b>On the day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Supervise student(s).</li><li>• Provide support to students as required.</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Deliver speech and/or fulfil requirements of role.</li></ul>

# Due dates



Visit our *Gold Coast Youth Parliament* **webpage** for all forms and links.



What?	Due by...
Return Participant Details Form to the Parliamentary Education team. (1 form per school)	4pm Thursday 12 March  Download from Key Resources web page
Provide Photo Consent Form link to parents and carers. Reminders to complete by the due date. (1 form per student)	4pm Thursday 12 March  <a href="https://forms.office.com/r/rCGsVxLzEY">https://forms.office.com/r/rCGsVxLzEY</a>
Share the link to purchase a free ticket to attend the Youth Parliament. (1 ticket per parent, caregiver or guest)	Closes COB Tuesday 17 March



Photo Consent form



Guest registrations

# Government

The Government is formed by the party with the majority of members elected to the Parliament.

- Caningeraba State School
- St Andrew's Lutheran College
- Bellevue Park State School
- Somerset College
- Highland Reserve State School



# Opposition

The party with the second highest number of elected members forms the Opposition.

- Trinity Lutheran College
- Numinbah Valley State School
- Elanora State School
- Mudgeeraba State School
- Ingleside State School



# Youth Parliament Program

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students will be allocated to speak in 1 of these sections of the program



A Vision for Queensland

Government Motion

Private Members' Statement

Opposition Motion

Adjournment Debate



# A Vision for Queensland

A vision statement is delivered by the Youth Premier and Youth Leader of the Opposition.

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



2 minutes maximum



Persuasive



# Government Motion – Health and wellbeing in schools

Moved by the **Youth Minister for Education**.

Speaker, I move that this Youth Parliament supports the following provisions to improve health and wellbeing at Queensland's primary schools:

1. That all students in Years 5 and 6 be taught how to prepare at least 5 simple and healthy meals for breakfast, lunch, or dinner, as part of their compulsory school learning.
2. That a traffic exclusion zone be declared within a 200m radius of all Queensland primary schools, prohibiting vehicle access on local streets during school drop off and pick up times, to limit congestion and encourage active travel.
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**.

Each student addresses **one point only**.

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



**An Opposition Youth Member** may say: *We already have so many subjects to learn – adding cooking will take time away from learning other important skills like maths or reading.*

# Opposition Motion – Environment and innovation measures

Moved by the **Youth Shadow Minister for Science, the Environment, Tourism and Innovation**

Speaker, I move that this Parliament supports the following science and innovation measures:

1. That pet dogs are allowed to be walked on a lead, on designated walking trails in State Forests and Reserves, to support dog-friendly tourism and improve physical and mental health for dogs and their owners.
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 students in Years 4 to 12 complete 10 hours' instruction per year in effective and ethical use of AI, to ensure readiness for AI-integrated workplaces.



1 minute maximum



Persuasive

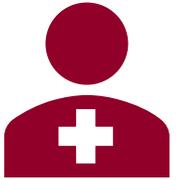


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An **Opposition Youth Member** may say: *Learning how to use AI safely and responsibly is essential to ensure students understand the tools they will use in their future careers. Ten hours of class time is a small investment in such a crucial and growing area of learning.*



A **Government Youth Member** may say: *We cannot expect teachers to find 10 additional hours in an already-crowded timetable. Schools need funding for expert teacher training and resources to teach AI effectively.*

# 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.*

Previous Youth Members have spoken about...

- high cost of fresh fruit and vegetables
- youth crime
- a recent school event / milestone / achievement
- an endangered animal
- homelessness
- Brisbane Olympics
- natural disaster assistance
- bullying
- need for school resources or facilities
- road speed limits
- scooters and e-bikes
- public transport options



1 minute maximum



Persuasive, report or expository

# Speech preparation tips

- Avoid 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 from the motion.
- Start with, for example:
  - *Speaker, I rise to speak on...*
  - *Speaker, I rise to inform the House of...*
  - *Speaker, I draw the attention of the House to...*
- Conclude with *'Thank you, Speaker.'*



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