

Information for Students

We are so excited you are taking part in the Youth Parliament program!

Key details

[Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament](#)

Date: Thursday 21 August 2025

Location: AFL Cape York House • Buchan Street, Portsmith Cairns

Arrival time: 9.00am for a 9.30am start

Departure time: Approximately 1.30pm

Complementary Morning Tea provided.

Time	Program	Detail
9.00am to 9.30am	Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arrive at AFL Cape York House (Buchan Street entry) with your teacher, or to meet your teacher.
9.30am to 9.50am	Student briefing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learn about the rules and procedures of parliament and practice some key skills.
10.00am to 11.05am	Youth Parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Opening of the Youth Parliament• Leaders' Statements• Opposition Motion—Eminent Indigenous Australians• Private Members' Statements
11.10am to 11.50am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	AFL Oval
12.00pm to 1.00pm	Youth Parliament <i>continues</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Government Motion—Sport• Adjournment Debate• Close of the Youth Parliament
1.00 to 1.30pm	Official photographs	AFL Cape Youth House

Other important information

- Wear full school uniform (unless you are a non-uniform school).
- There **will be storage facilities** available for any bags.
- Your parents, guardians, older siblings or care givers can come along, but they need to book a ticket [via Humanitix](#) by 31 July 2025, 3pm.

Opposition Motion

To be moved by the Youth Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships.

Speaker, I move that this Parliament place on record its appreciation of the contribution made to our State and nation by various celebrated Indigenous Australians.



Opposition Youth Members argue **for**.

Government Youth Members argue **for**.

Government Motion

To be moved by the Youth Minister for Sport.

Speaker, I move that this Youth Parliament supports the following provisions to promote equality in sport:

1. All Year 6 students from South East Queensland will attend a school sports carnival, competing against Far North Queensland Schools, to be held each year in Townsville or Cairns;
2. 2. At least one State of Origin game will be played in Far North Queensland each year;
3. 3. From 2025, all players in the NRLW competition will be paid at the same rate as the NRL players.
4. 4. Cairns to have a professional AFL team to compete in the AFL & AFLW competitions.
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Opposition Youth Members argue **against**.

Government Youth Members argue **for**.

Plan your speech

1. Identify whether you are part of the government or opposition.

☐ Government

☐ Opposition

2. Identify your role.

☐ Youth Premier

☐ Youth Leader of the Opposition

☐ Youth Member (including Youth Leader of the House, Youth Government Whip and Youth Opposition Whip)

☐ Youth Minister for Sport

☐ Youth Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships

3. **Highlight** your place in the program below. Take note of the topic and speech length.

Program	Who?	Topic	Speech length (per person)
Leaders' Statements	Youth Premier and Youth Leader of the Opposition	A Vision for Queensland— <i>what Queensland will you create as leader?</i>	2 minutes maximum
Opposition Motion	Youth Shadow Minister for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Partnerships	At the start— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduce and move the motion. Then— <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain a reason(s) for the Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person your seat is named after should be celebrated and admired. 	NA—this is scripted (no prior preparation required) 1 minute maximum
	Youth Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government and Opposition Youth Members speak for the motion. For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain what your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person has achieved. Explain why your Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person is admired, remembered or celebrated. 	1 minute maximum

Private Members' Statements	Youth Members	<p>Speak about any topic that falls into the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland jurisdiction, or • Local jurisdiction. <p>TIP: Focus on 1 issue.</p>	1 minute maximum
Government Motion	Youth Minister for Sport	<p>At the start—</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce and move the motion. <p>Then— Provide and explain a reason(s) for the motion.</p>	<p>NA—this is scripted (no prior preparation required)</p> <p>1 minute maximum</p>
	Youth Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Youth Members speak for the motion. • Opposition Youth Members speak against the motion. <p>TIP: Focus on 1 part of the motion.</p>	1 minute maximum
Adjournment Debate	Youth Members	<p>Speak about any topic that falls into the:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Queensland jurisdiction, or • Local jurisdiction. <p>TIP: Focus on 1 issue.</p>	1 minute maximum

Additional tasks you may need to do (no preparation required):

- The **Youth Leader of the House** will also move a motion for the House to adjourn (this will be provided on the day in the script).
- The **Youth Government Whip** and **Youth Opposition Whip** will count votes in a division and report the results to the Speaker (this will be provided on the day in the script).

Greeting Thank you, Speaker.

**Suggested
opening
lines**

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| - I rise to speak on... | - Today I want to share with the House... |
| - I rise to inform the House... | - I rise to acknowledge a wonderful event... |
| - I draw to the attention of the House... | - It gives me great pleasure to inform the House... |
| - I inform this House of... | - I would like to advise the House of the recent events of... |
| - I am pleased to advise the House... | |

Body

Close

Thank you, Speaker.

Example

Important: This example is different to your motion.

1. Identify whether you are part of the government or opposition.

☐ Government

2. Identify your role.

☐ Youth Member (including Youth Leader of the House, Youth Government Whip and Youth Opposition Whip)

3. Highlight your place in the program below. Take note of the topic and speech length.

Government Motion	Youth Members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Government Youth Members speak for the motion. <p>TIP: Focus on 1 part of the motion.</p>	1 minute maximum
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4. Write your speech.

Thank you, Speaker. ← Greeting.

Select an opening line.

Speaker, I rise to speak on the need for every primary school to have recycling and compost bins. Today, too many lunchbox scraps and worksheets are being thrown in the bin when they

Identify the part of the motion you are speaking to.

Explain your position in more detail in 1-3 sentences. For example, give reasons or include research.

could be reused. If we put our banana peels and apple cores into a compost bin, we can make healthy soil for our school garden and help our plants grow better. If we recycle our old worksheets, we can save trees. Giving each school a recycling and compost bin is a great idea because it teaches us how to care for the environment and look after our planet from a young age. ← Sum up your position.

Thank you, Speaker. ← Close.

Electorates in the 2025 Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament

Name	Profession
Anu, Christine	Singer and Actor
Baker, Danzal (Baker Boy)	Rapper, Dancer, Artist and Actor
Bandler AC, Ida Lessing Faith	Writer and Activist
Barty AO, Ashleigh (Ash)	Tennis and Cricket Player
Bani OAM, Adhi Ephraim	Linguist, Historian and Cultural Ambassador
Barrell OAM, Tracy	Paralympian
Bennelong	Leader and Interlocutor
Beetson, Arthur	Australian Rugby League Player and Coach
Betts, Eddie	Australian Football League (AFL) player
Blair AM, Harold	Opera Singer, Activist
Bonner AO, Neville	Politician and Commentator
Burney, Linda	Politician
Carmody, Kevin (Kev)	Singer, Songwriter
Cassar-Daley, Troy	Singer, Songwriter
Chapman, Jaime	National Rugby League (NRLW) player
Choolburra, Sean	Presenter, Performer, Comedian,
Christian, Dan	Cricketer
Collins, Les	Activist, Founding Member ATISCHS
The Hon Justice Lincoln Crowley	Judge
Deeral, Eric	Politician
Denning Orman, Tanya	Television Executive
Dingo (AM), Ernest (Ernie)	Television Presenter and Actor
Dodson, Patrick (Pat)	Politician and Activist
Ella-Duncan OAM, Marcia	Netball Player
Fifita, David	National Rugby League (NRL) Player
Fourmile, Trevor	Author
Freeman OAM, Catherine (Cathy)	Olympian, Commonwealth Games Athlete
Gagai, Dane	National Rugby League (NRL) Player
Gardner, Ashleigh (Ash)	Cricketer
Gilbert, Edward (Eddie)	Cricketer
Giles, Adam	10th Chief Minister of the Northern Territory
Gillespie, Jason	Cricketer
Goodes, Adam	Australian Football League (AFL) Player
Goolagong Cawley AC, MBE, Evonne	Tennis Player
Gorrie PSM, John	Public Servant
Gulpilil AM, David	Actor, Dancer
Harris, Samantha	Model
Hatton OAM, Lorraine	Australian Defence Force (ADF) Member
Hayman, Dr Noel	Doctor
Heiss AM, Dr Anita	Author, Poet, Satirist and Social

	Commentator
Hunter, Dr John	Academic (Medicine)
His Honour Judge Jarro	Judge
Johnson, Patrick	Athlete
Janke, Terri	Lawyer
Jawai, Nathan	Basketballer
Kerr OAM, Diane	Advocate, Mentor and Foster Carer
Lingiari AM, Vincent	Activist
Latu, Leilani	National Rugby League (NRL) Player
Mabo, Edward Koiki	Plaintiff, <i>Mabo v Queensland (No. 2)</i> [1992] HCA 23
Mailman, Deborah	Actor
Malone, Vonda	Local Government Leader
Mau, Patrick Jame (Mau Power)	Hip Hop Artist, Entrepreneur and Activist
Mauboy, Jessica	Singer
Mayers OAM, Dr Naomi	Singer and Health Advocate
McAvoy SC, Tony	Barrister
Miller, Michael John (Mick)	Teacher, Activist
Morgan, Sally	Author and Artist
Mosby, Hagiga	National Rugby League Women's (NRLW) Player
Mullagh, Johnny	Cricketer
Nakata, Sana	Academic
Namatjira, Albert	Artist
Navelka, Ella	Dancer
Hunter, Ruby	Singer and Songwriter
O'Shane AM, Patricia (Pat)	Activist and Barrister
Page, Alison	Designer and Film Producer
Patten, Jack	Activist, Journalist
Pearson, Noel	Lawyer and Activist
Pederson, Aaron	Actor
Perkins, Charles	Activist
Peris OAM, Nova	Athlete and Politician
Plum, Thelma	Singer and Songwriter
Purcell, Leah	Actor, Writer, Director and Singer
Roach AC, Archie	Singer and Songwriter
Rose MBE, Lionel	Boxer
Sailor, Wendell	National Rugby League (NRL) and Australian Rugby Union (ARU) Player
Sands, David (Dave)	Boxer
Saunders MBE, Reginald (Reg) Walter	Soldier
Simon, Kyah	Football Player
Smallwood, Gracelyn	Activist and Academic
Smith, Cecilia	Activist

Tamwoy, Keri	Mediator and Local Government Leader
Tapsell, Miranda	Actress
Thaiday, Sam	National Rugby League (NRL) Player
Thurston, Johnathan	National Rugby League (NRL) Player
Tillet, Stephen	National Rugby League (NRL) Player and First Nations Justice Officer
Tipoti, Alick	Artist, Linguist and Advocate
Unaipon, David	Inventor, Author and Activist
Williams-Weir Dr, Margaret	Educator, Naval Officer
Winmar, Nicky	Australian Football League (AFL) Player
Wurramara, Emily	Singer
Wyatt AM, Kenneth (Ken)	Politician
Wylie	Indigenous Guide
Yunupingu AC, Galarrwuy	Activist