



Queensland Parliament Legal Studies School Tour

Teacher Information Sheet

The Legislative Process in Queensland

Students learn how laws are made in Queensland Parliament through activities and small group work. Sessions include a tour of the historic parliamentary precinct and viewing of Question Time on parliamentary sitting days. For groups of 15-50 the session includes participation in a role play, demonstrating the role of Members of Parliament in debating and passing law.

KEY CONTENT

This excursion will develop student knowledge and understanding of:

- The legislative function of the Parliament of Queensland
- The important role of parliamentary committees during the legislative process in a unicameral parliament

PREPARATION

Prior knowledge about Parliament will improve the excursion experience and learning outcomes for your students. Basic introductory activity ideas are suggested below, along with consolidation activities that can be completed following the visit.

PRE-SESSION ACTIVITIES

WHO IS MY MP?

- Use the [State Electoral Boundaries search function](#) on the Electoral Commission of Queensland's website to find the school's and/or students' Member/s of Parliament.

WHAT IS QUEENSLAND PARLIAMENT?

- View these introductory videos to familiarise students with Queensland Parliament. There are questions in the video description and, if time permits, link to suggested activities.
 1. [What is Queensland Parliament?](#)
 2. [Queensland's System of Government](#)

POST-SESSION ACTIVITIES

COMMITTEES AT WORK ROLE PLAY

Use role plays to explore the scrutiny work of Parliamentary Committees and how stakeholders can be involved in the law-making process, as witnesses at hearings or through submissions. See the teacher information sheet for more details and instructions.

- [Teacher information sheet](#)
- [Committee report student sheet](#)
- [Teacher script](#)
- [Key roles student sheets](#)

The Inquiry into extending School Hours resources can be used in conjunction with the Legislative Process Role Play. For larger classes, Additional Roles are available

Visit the [Classroom Activities](#) page on our website for more activities and resources.

CURRICULUM LINKS

Legal Studies General Senior Syllabus

UNIT 3: TOPIC 1: Governance in Australia

Explain the:

- role of the Crown (Governor-General, state Governors and territory Administrators), and the upper and lower houses of parliament
- implications of the unicameral parliament in Queensland
- function of parliament as a law-making body and describe the legislative process

UNIT 3: TOPIC 2: Law reform within a dynamic society

Explain the role of:

- parliamentary inquiries