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## Parliamentary Etiquette

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As in any other forum for debate, there are certain rules which each participant must follow in Parliament House.

The following list of points regarding etiquette has been provided by Parliament House. All Parliamentary Staff and Youth Parliamentarians must adhere to this code at all times while in the Legislative Assembly Chamber.

- Address the Presiding Officer (Speaker or Deputy Speaker) at all time when speaking.
- Show respect (bow) to the Presiding Officer when entering or leaving the Chamber.
- Rise when the Presiding Officer enters or leaves the Chamber (but not when Presiding Officer is being relieved by a Deputy or at commencement of the Consideration in Detail stage).
- Sit down or remain seated when the Presiding Officer speaks or is speaking.
- Do not pass between the Presiding Officer and the Member speaking when moving within the Chamber.
- Refer to the Presiding Officer by his/her correct title (i.e. *Mr or Madam Speaker or Deputy Speaker*).
- Those elected to leadership positions are to be referred to as the *Honourable Premier, Deputy Premier, Leader of the Opposition or Deputy Leader of the Opposition*. All other Members are referred to by the name of their electorate (e.g. *the Member for Mansfield*).
- Do not turn your back on the Presiding Officer except when leaving the Chamber.
- Applause is not permitted in the Chamber or Gallery.
- Observe decorum in the Chamber at all times.
- Speeches and interjections must be made from Member's own seat.