**Application Form to attend the 2022 Civics and Citizenship Pilot Program for Years 9 & 10**

The 2022 Civics and Citizenship Pilot Program for Years 9 & 10 aims to increase young Australians’ knowledge about the Australian Constitution and the role it plays in our democracy. It will provide an opportunity for students in Years 9 and 10 to represent their state in a convention which explores a contemporary constitutional issue and encourages students to become better informed about the Australian system of government and how the Australian Constitution provides the framework for our democracy. It is hoped that it will also encourage students to take an active interest in the traditions, processes and practices of government.

The one-day program will be run from a virtual central hub in Canberra, with groups from all states and territories joining virtually from centres around the country. The program will include three keynote expert speakers on the topic, discussion groups with other students from across the state, an opportunity to report your findings back to students participating online from other states and territories, a soapbox session to debate your opinions and challenge others’ thinking, and a final vote on the topic. Pre-reading materials will be sent to all selected students as well as other logistical details before the event.

The pilot program has been funded by the Australian Government, Department of Education (DOE), to support Civics and Citizenship Education in Year 9 and 10.

25 students from across Victoria will be selected to represent the state. They will come together in Melbourne to participate, joining virtually with peers in all other states and territories. The main hub will be streamed live from Canberra.

All costs including travel and catering will be covered by DOE. Overnight accommodation will be provided for rural and regional students and teachers if required.

Please note that every student must be accompanied by a teacher to meet Duty of Care excursion requirements and all accompanying teachers must have a current VIT registration. Students must have permission from their school to apply to participate.

Students must be enrolled in Year 9 or 10 in 2022 in a Victorian government, Catholic or independent school, to be eligible to apply.

**Date and time:** Thursday 27 October, 11:00am to 5:30pm

**Location:** The Hotel Windsor, Melbourne

**Topic:** “Should Australia have compulsory voting?”

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| **STUDENT DETAILS** |
| **FIRST NAME:** |  | **LAST NAME:** |  |
| **SCHOOL NAME:** |  | **YEAR 9 OR 10:** |  |
| **SCHOOL ADDRESS:** |  | **SCHOOL SUBURB:** |  |
| **GENDER: M / F / OTHER** |  | **MOBILE / PHONE:** |  |
| **STUDENT EMAIL ADDRESS:** |  |
| **IN 200 WORDS OR LESS, TELL US IF YOU THINK AUSTRALIA SHOULD HAVE COMPULSORY VOTING AND WHY OR WHY NOT.** |
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| On behalf of the school, I give permission for the student named above, to apply to participate in the 2022 Civics and Citizenship Pilot Program for Years 9 & 10. I acknowledge that to meet excursion requirements the school will need to have a VIT registered teacher accompany the student for the duration of the event.  |
| **PRINCIPAL / TEACHER’S DETAILS** |
| **FULL NAME:** |  | **PRINCIPAL OR TEACHER:** |  |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS:** |  | **MOBILE / PHONE:** |  |
| **SIGNATURE:** |  |

**Please ensure all parts of this form is completed before returning it to** **nancy.mai@ncsonline.com.au****by 3:00 pm on Wednesday 31 August 2022.**

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