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**Victorian Students’ Parliamentary Program**

**Teachers’ Parliamentary Convention**

Tuesday 22 October 2024

Parliament of Victoria

**Should Australia have three levels of government?**

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| **8:45am – 9:15am**(30 minutes) | **Attendees Registration** |
| **Opening**  |
| **9:15am – 9:25am**(10 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Welcome by Facilitator** – Russell Ives**Welcome to Country** – Tony Garvey, Wurundjeri Elder |
| **9:25am – 9:30am**(5 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Official Opening** – Ms Nina Taylor MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Education |
| **Session 1 - What are we doing and why?**  |
| **9:30am – 9:50am**(20 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **What are we doing and why?***By Facilitator*1. What are the key components of a Parliamentary Convention?
2. What is the purpose of each component?
3. What does a good classroom/school convention model look like?
4. What are the real-life links to modern Australian politics, parliamentary and political processes?
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| **9:50am – 10:25am**(35 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Links to curriculum and curriculum updates***By Adam Brodie-McKenzie, Acting Curriculum Manager, Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA)*1. Briefing on F-10 and relevant VCE and Australian curriculum and where the links exist to Conventions and how to draw these out and strengthen them
2. Curriculum updates
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| **10:25am – 10:45am**(20 minutes)*Queens Hall* | **Morning Tea** |
| **Session 2 – Mini Convention****Topic: Should Australia have three levels of government?** |
| **10:45am – 11:00am**(15 minutes) *Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Opening statements** * Selected Opening Statements 2 mins each from 6 representatives
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| **11:00am – 11:45am**(45 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Keynote 1 with Q&A – Affirmative**Dr Aaron Martin, Associate Professor, School of Social and Political Sciences, Faculty of Arts, University of Melbourne |
|  **11:45am – 12:30pm**(45 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Keynote 2 with Q&A – Negative**Dr Zareh Ghazarian, Senior Lecturer, Politics & International Relations, Monash University |
| **12:30pm – 12:50pm**(20 minutes) *Queens Hall* | **Discussion Groups** |
| **12:50pm – 1:30pm**(40 minutes) *Queens Hall* | **Lunch and Networking** |
| **1:30pm – 1:45pm**(15 minutes) *Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Group Reporting Back****The Vote** |

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| **Session 3 – How do we do it?** |
| **1:45pm – 2:30pm**(45 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Managing controversy in the classroom***By Laura Newman, Executive Officer, Social Education Victoria (SEV)** Civic discourse and dialogue in the classroom
* Moderating controversy and sensitive topics with frameworks, hints and tips
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| **2:30pm – 2:45pm**(15 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Choosing appropriate contemporary topics and speakers***By Facilitator* * Choosing age-appropriate contemporary topics
* Identifying and recruiting inspiring and diverse guest speakers to engage students, promote creative and critical thinking and provide new perspectives from experts in the field
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| **Session 4 – Putting it into practice** |
| **2:45pm – 3:15pm**(30 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Disciplinary knowledge and pedagogies that work*** Open floor discussion
	+ What’s working vs What’s not
	+ Challenges arising in practice
	+ Strategies to address these
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| **3:15pm – 3:20pm**(5 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Where to find help and link into other opportunities***By Facilitator*Overview of resources, key websites, and opportunities through the Victorian Government and other key players |
| **3:20pm – 3:25pm**(5 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | *By Facilitator** Recap of the day
* Evaluation
* Thank you and closing
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| **3:25pm** | **Close** |

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