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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? |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **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 |
| **3:25pm** | **Close** |

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