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**Program**

**Victorian Students’ Parliamentary Program**

**Teachers’ Parliamentary Convention**

Tuesday 21 October 2025

Parliament of Victoria

**Should voting be compulsory in Australia?**

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| **8:45am – 9:15am**(30 minutes) | **Attendees Registration** |
| **Opening**  |
| **9:15am – 9:30am**(15 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Welcome by Facilitator** – Russell Ives**Welcome to Country** – Tony Garvey, Wurundjeri Elder |
| **9:30am – 9:35am**(5 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Official Opening** – Ms Nina Taylor MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Education |
| **PART 1 – WHAT ARE WE DOING & WHY?**  |
| **9:35am – 9:50am**(15 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **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 – 10:20am**(30 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Links to curriculum and curriculum updates**Dr Adam Brodie-McKenzie, 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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| **10:20am – 10:45am**(25 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Morning Tea and Networking** |
| **PART 2 – MOCK CONVENTION*****Topic: Should voting be compulsory in Australia?******Led by Speaker: Sandra Venneri*** |
| **10:45am – 10:50am**(5 minutes) *Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Introduction of the Mock Convention** * Key elements, what happens in Parliament
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| **10:50am – 11:00am**(10 minutes) *Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Opening statements** * Selected Opening Statements 2 mins each from 5 representatives
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| **11:00am – 11:30am**(30 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Keynote 1 with Q&A**Michael Fiddian, Education and Youth Program Coordinator, Victorian Electoral Commission |
|  **11:30am – 12:00pm**(30 minutes)*Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Keynote 2 with Q&A**Dr Zareh Ghazarian, Senior Lecturer, Politics & International Relations, Monash University |
| **12:00pm – 12:10pm**(10 minutes) *Legislative Assembly Chamber* |  **Next Steps in a Student Parliament Convention:*** Discussion Groups
* Group Reporting Back
* Soap Box
* The Vote
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| **12:10pm – 12:30pm**(20 minutes) *Legislative Assembly Chamber* | **Running your own Convention in a School Setting**Mr Sam Kotsopoulos, the Humanities KLA Leader - Lalor Secondary College |
| **12:30pm – 1:00pm**(30 minutes) *Queen’s Hall* | **Lunch and Networking** |
| **PART 3 – CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP - Pedagogy, classroom strategies and high-quality teaching and learning resources** |
| **1:00pm – 1:30pm**(30 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Victorian Electoral Commission - High-quality teaching and learning resources for your Civics and Citizenship classroom**Michael Fiddian, Education and Youth Program Coordinator, Victorian Electoral Commission |
| **1:30pm – 2:00pm**(30 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Contemporary challenges and opportunities in Civics and Citizenship education**Dr Zareh Ghazarian, Senior Lecturer, Politics & International Relations, Monash University |
| **2:00pm – 2:50pm**(50 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Supporting Contemporary Issues in the Civics and Citizenship classroom**Laura Newman, Executive Officer, Social Education Victoria (SEV) |
| **2:50pm – 3:10pm**(20 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Disciplinary knowledge and pedagogies that work*** Open floor discussion
	+ Successes and Shortcomings at your school
	+ Challenges arising in practice
	+ Strategies to address these
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| **3:10pm – 3:20pm**(10 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | **Official Closing** address by Ms Jess Wilson MP, Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Industry and Economic Growth |
| **3:20pm – 3:30pm**(10 minutes)*Queen’s Hall* | *By Facilitator** Recap of the day
* List of resources
* Evaluation
* Thank you and closing
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| **3:30pm** | **Close** |

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