**PROGRAM**

**Victorian Students’ Parliamentary Program 2025   
Online Primary Schools’ Parliamentary Convention**

**Topic** – Should public transport be free in Victoria?

**Day 1 Tuesday 29 July – 9:30am – 2:15pm**

**Day 2 Wednesday 30 July – 9:30am – 12:40pm**

**Convention Facilitator / Speaker:**

* **Sandra Venneri**

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| **DAY 1** | **Tuesday 29 July** |
| 9:15am – 9:30am  *(15 mins)* | *Schools to come online* |
| 9:30am – 9:35am  *(5 mins)* | **Welcome** by Facilitator - Sandra Venneri  **Introduction to program and instructions for the day** |
| 9:35am – 9:38am  *(3 mins)* | **Acknowledgement of Country** by Facilitator |
| 9:38am – 9:40am  *(2 mins)* | **Official Opening** Ms Nina Taylor MP, Parliamentary Secretary for Education (by video) |
| 9:40am – 9:48am  *(8 mins)* | **Welcome to Parliament Video** |
| 9:48am – 10:00am  *(12 mins)* | **Explanation on how the parliamentary law-making process operates** by Facilitator  Video: Standing Orders & Passage of a Bill |
| 10:00am – 10:15am  *(15 mins)* | **Pre-Polling – Live**  *Schools stay online*  *All students to vote*  *Each school should assign a Party Whip to report back on numbers* |
| 10:15am – 10:35am  *(20 mins)* | **Opening Statements** by School Representatives   1. Anakie Primary School 2. Deans Marsh Primary School 3. Foster Primary School 4. Guthridge Primary School 5. Laburnum Primary School 6. Ormond Primary School 7. Point Lonsdale Primary School 8. Strathmore Primary School 9. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School |
| 10:35am – 10:40am  *(5 mins)* | **Intro to Committee Process**  Video: Parliament of Victoria Explains - How parliament committees work |
| 10:40am – 11:05am  *(25 mins)* | **BREAK**  *Schools will be offline* |
| 11:05am – 11:10am *(5 mins)* | *Schools to come back online* |
| 11:10am – 11:55am  *(45 mins)* | **Keynote Presentation 1 with Q&A** Mr Will Fooks, Director, Eukai |
| 11:55am – 12:05pm  *(10 mins)* | **Brain Break** |
| 12:05pm – 12:50pm  *(45 mins)* | **Keynote Presentation 2 with Q&A** Dr Abraham Leung, Advance Queensland Industry Research Fellow, Cities Research Institute - Transport Research Group, Griffith University |
| 12:50pm – 12:55pm  *(5 mins)* | **Student Briefing for Discussions and Overview of Day Two** by Facilitator |
| 12:55pm onwards | **LUNCH + OFFLINE DISCUSSION GROUPS FOR SCHOOLS**  *Schools will be offline* |
| **DAY 2** | **Wednesday 30 July** |
| 9:15am – 9:30am | *Schools to come online* |
| 9:30am – 9:45am  *(15 mins)* | **Welcome back and Ice Breaker Activity** by Facilitator  Parliamentary Quiz via Kahoot |
| 9:45am – 9:55am  *(10 mins)* | **Time for Discussion Groups Recap** *Groups gather to recap and finalise their reporting back statement* |
| 9:55am – 10:35am  *(40 mins)* | **Report Back session** by **14 Groups**   1. St Joseph's Catholic Primary School 2. Strathmore Primary School – Group 1 3. Strathmore Primary School – Group 2 4. Point Lonsdale Primary School 5. Ormond Primary School – Group 1 6. Ormond Primary School – Group 2 7. Ormond Primary School – Group 3 8. Ormond Primary School – Group 4 9. Laburnum Primary School 10. Guthridge Primary School 11. Foster Primary School 12. Deans Marsh Primary School – Group 1 13. Deans Marsh Primary School – Group 2 14. Anakie Primary School |
| 10:35am – 10:55am  *(20 mins)* | **BREAK**  *Schools will be offline* |
| 10:55am – 11:00am  *(5 mins)* | *Schools to come back online* |
| 11:00am – 11:05am  *(5 mins)* | **Explain purpose and rules of Soapbox** |
| 11:05am – 11:45am  *(40 mins)* | **Soapbox session** |
| 11:45am – 11:55am  *(10 mins)* | **Brain Break** |
| 11:55am – 12:05pm  *(10 mins)* | **Explanation of voting procedure in Parliament**  Video: The Third Reading - The Vote |
| 12:05pm – 12:15pm  *(10 mins)* | **The Vote - Live**  *Schools stay online*  *All students to vote*  *Each school should assign a Party Whip to report back on numbers* |
| 12:15pm – 12:25pm  *(10 mins)* | **Report back on Vote Results** |
| 12:25pm – 12:35pm  *(10 mins)* | **Official Closing** Ms Jess Wilson MP, Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Industry and Economic Growth (by video) |
| 12:35pm – 12:40pm  *(5 mins)* | **Wrap-up & Evaluation** |
| 12:40pm | **Convention Closes** |