**PROGRAM**

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

**Topic** – Should the driving age in Victoria be lowered to 17?

**Day 1 Tuesday 19 August – 9:30am – 2:15pm**

**Day 2 Wednesday 20 August – 9:30am – 12:10pm**

**Convention Facilitator / Speaker:**

* **Sandra Venneri**

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| **DAY 1** | **Tuesday 19 August** |
| 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** **Live Pre-Polling** |
| 9:35am – 9:38am*(3 mins)* | **Acknowledgement of Country**  |
| 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 FacilitatorVideo: Standing Orders & Passage of a Bill |
| 10:00am – 10:15am*(15 mins)* | **Pre-Polling – Live***All students to vote via their own devices* |
| 10:15am – 10:35am*(20 mins)* | **Opening Statements** by School RepresentativesVideo: Parliament of Victoria Explains - How parliament committees work |
| 10:35am – 10:40am*(5 mins)* | **Intro to Committee Process** |
| 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**Professor Teresa Senserrick, Director, Western Australian Centre for Road Safety Research, University of Western Australia |
| 11:55am – 12:00pm*(5 mins)* | **Brain Break** |
| 12:00pm – 12:45pm*(45 mins)* | **Keynote Presentation 2 with Q&A**Mr Paul Tierney, Director - Behaviour, Education & Community, Transport Accident Commission (TAC) |
| 12:45pm – 1:30pm*(45 mins)* | **LUNCH***Schools will be offline* |
| 1:30pm – 1:35pm *(5 mins)* | *Schools to come back online* |
| 1:35pm – 1:40pm *(5 mins)* | **Student Briefing for Discussions and Overview of Day Two** by Facilitator |
| 1:40pm – 2:15pm*(35 mins)* | **Discussion Groups***Students and supervising teachers will be divided into online breakout rooms in Zoom for their discussion groups.****AFTER*** *they have completed the tasks for the discussion group session, participants can go offline and will return tomorrow morning.* |
| **DAY 2** | **Wednesday 20 August** |
| 9:15am – 9:30am | *Schools to come online* |
| 9:30am – 9:45am*(15 mins)* | **Welcome back and Ice Breaker Activity** by FacilitatorHow to get Involved in Parliament Video |
| 9:45am – 9:55am*(10 mins)* | **Time for Discussion Groups Recap***Breakout groups re-gather to recap and finalise their reporting back statement (Zoom Breakout Rooms)* |
| 9:55am – 10:15am*(20 mins)* | **Report Back session** by Groups |
| 10:15am – 10:20am*(5 mins)* | **Brain Break** |
| 10:20am – 10:25am*(5 mins)* | **Explain purpose and rules of Soapbox**  |
| 10:25am – 11:00am*(35 mins)* | **Soapbox session** |
| 11:00am – 11:30am*(30 mins)* | **BREAK** *Schools will be offline* |
| 11:30am – 11:35am*(5 mins)* | *Schools to come back online* |
| 11:35am – 11:40am*(5 mins)* | **Explanation of voting procedure in Parliament** Video: The Third Reading - The Vote |
| 11:40am – 12:00pm*(20 mins)* | **The Vote***Delegates will be put back into their Breakout Groups for vote counting – A whip to be appointed by each group.**All students to vote and whip to report back in the Main Room* |
| 12:00pm – 12:05pm*(5 mins)* | **Report back on Vote Results**  |
| 12:05pm – 12:07pm*(2 mins)* | **Official Closing**Ms Jess Wilson MP, Shadow Minister for Education and Shadow Minister for Industry and Economic Growth (by video) |
| 12:07pm – 12:10pm*(3 mins)* | **Wrap-up & Evaluation** |
| 12:10pm | **Convention Closes** |