

Dear Youth Parliament Alumnus,

Oh boy, hasn't the year just flown by! We would like to again thank you for your ongoing support of the Youth Parliament Program. In conjunction with Commonwealth Day, we would like to share a small snapshot, of what is going on for us 3 months into the year!

This year we have received a record number of applications amounting to 218 applicants. After a long day of deliberation, we announced the successful applicants earlier this week and are awaiting responses. To keep things interesting, we created a few new committees this year including "Education & E-safety" and "Transport & State Development". We also saw a re-appearance of the "Community & Disability Services" committee. We are excited to see what our 31st Youth Parliament brings to the table this year! Keep an eye out on our socials for introductions to our youth member's in the coming months.

We are also, in anticipation of an exciting year, opening our expressions of interest to attend the 2026 Youth Parliament proceedings. Currently we are busy working on a Parliamentary Schedule, however, we do know that a limited number of spaces will be available for all sittings. If you **are interested in attending** this year's proceedings, please **reply** to this email by noting "**I am interested in attending a 2026 Youth Parliament Sitting**", and we will add you to the email list for when we finalise the Parliamentary sitting week. Please note that the sitting days this year are Monday the 13th of July, Tuesday the 14th of July, and Thursday the 16th of July.

If you would like to continue to stay connected, don't forget to sign up to the Youth Parliament Alumni Network. See link below:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9crLDKjd5b>

I look forward to continuing to walk alongside you to amplify youth voices and build a strong community of changemakers, together.

Kind regards,

Youth Parliament Coordinator

