



YMCA JUNIOR PARLIAMENT

South Australia



- ☐ Debate issues important to the Youth of South Australia
- ☐ Develop leadership and personal skills
- ☐ Learn how to make change in your community

Empowering the young leaders of now and the future to advocate for change.

ABOUT THE PROGRAM

YMCA South Australia Junior Parliament is a non-partisan program that empowers young people to be advocates for their community.

Junior Parliament provides a forum for young South Australians to express their views in a safe and supported environment. It's all about personal development, youth empowerment and connecting politicians and decision makers with youth voices and opinions.

Your role as a Junior Parliamentarian is a privilege – you will use your voice to represent young people across the State. Use it wisely.

Junior Parliamentarians will learn about one way of enacting change; through Parliamentary process. They will learn how legislation comes into affect, and the process of going from an idea, to a written bill, to a law. They will also develop their public speaking and teamwork skills.

Best of all, Junior Parliamentarians will join other young South Australians who want to learn more about creating positive and effective change in their community.

We can't wait to see the range of issues chosen by young people to be debated in the chambers of the Junior Parliament!

This booklet outlines the Junior Parliament journey for 2021.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT FOR JUNIOR PARLIAMENT 2021?

The dedicated volunteers that run the program (the Taskforce) has made it their mission to ensure that the program can go ahead with the health and wellbeing of participants in mind.

So, what it going to be different?

Due to the continued presence of COVID-19, the program has been tailored to coincide with the current SA Health and SA Government regulations and restrictions.

Return to normal – where possible

Now that the COVID-19 regulations are more regular, we will be returning to our regular program structure which includes:

- A 3-day camp held at Rostrevor College

We are also excited to announce that we will be back in Parliament House (pending COVID-19 disruptions)!

Please note that our Taskforce want to ensure that all participants get everything they can out of the program without impacting on their health and wellbeing. As such, dates may change to coincide with COVID-19 restrictions to ensure participant safety and the program.

If changes are made once applications open, they will be communicated with the applicants and community as soon as practicable.

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WHAT HAPPENS AT JUNIOR PARLIAMENT?



At Junior Parliament, you will learn about a common way of enacting change; the Parliamentary Process. You will also have the opportunity to develop your public speaking and debating skills, and build your confidence.

Junior Parliamentarians are allocated into teams and work together to write a Youth Bill or Motion, and set personal goals to work towards!

Junior Parliament is a platform for young South Australians like yourself to *Make Your Mark* on issues and topics that matter to you. The program brings together young leaders from across the State. Youth are part of a passionate group of people and by collaborating and working together, you can make a big difference in the South Australia community.



Junior Parliament is an opportunity to engage with the wider South Australian public. At Junior Parliament 2021, you will have the opportunity and support to advocate for your Youth Bill or Motion topic in the community.

WHAT IS A YOUTH BILL OR MOTION?

Junior Parliamentarians work together to write a Youth Bill or Motion on a topic of importance. These Youth Bills or Motions are debated in a Parliament House setting and final copies are presented to the Minister for Youth for the Government's consideration.

What can you write a bill or motion about?

In South Australia, the Government is responsible for making laws in relation to and delivering services in the following areas;

- Health
- State Roads
- Public Transport
- Public Works
- Primary and Secondary Education
- State Courts
- Public Service
- State Taxation
- Emergency Services
- Police and Correctional Services
- River Murray
- Environment and Conservation
- Arts
- Volunteers
- Mineral Resources
- Agriculture
- Food and Fisheries
- Consumer and Business Affairs
- Multicultural Affairs
- Youth
- Housing
- Social Justice
- Tourism
- Trade
- Science and IT
- Employment and Training
- Aboriginal Affairs and Reconciliation
- Gambling and Racing
- Recreation and Sport
- Higher Education - TAFE

PROGRAM TIMELINE

APPLICATIONS

Applications open on Sunday, 1st August 2021. Applications are set to close on Sunday, 12th September 2021.

PARTICIPANTS NOTIFIED

Successful applicants will be notified by Monday, 14th September 2021. Invoices for participation fee will be sent out the following week.

3-DAY RESIDENTIAL CAMP

27TH – 29TH SEPTEMBER 2021
COMPULSORY (MUST ATTEND)

TRAINING DAY – 27TH September 2021

The first day of camp is where you will learn all about Parliament, bill and motion writing, public speaking and more! In addition to equipping you with the technical skills and know-how, the Training Day also focuses on soft skills; personal development and team building.

PARLIAMENT DAY – 28TH September 2021

This is it. The cord of the program which includes a formal opening and closing ceremony, debating issues of importance in the House of Assembly chambers of the Junior Parliament.

RECREATION DAY – 29TH September 2021

The last day of the camp is all about fun! This is the day you get to rest and enjoy yourself with some fun activities before you go home!

Do we stay overnight? Yes, Junior Parliament is a residential camp.

Please note: The residential camp is compulsory to attend.

ESSENTIAL DATES & INFORMATION.

When do applications close?

Applications are set to close on Sunday, **12th September 2021**.

Once accepted, when will the Code of Conduct form be due?

The forms will need to be returned by Friday, **25th September 2021**.

Once accepted, when will the program fees be due?

Once you have received your invoice, payment of fees will need to be received before Friday, **25th September 2021** (unless otherwise negotiated).

I'm from a regional area, can I participate?

Of course!

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Resources available on the website:

<https://www.sa.ymca.org.au/what-we-do/youth-empowerment/junior-parliament>

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