Make Your Mark

Develop new skills. Debate ideas in Parliament House. Create change in your community.

#JP2019
YMCA South Australia Junior Parliament is an 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 leadership 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 Parliamentarian’s will learn all about parliamentary process, how to write a bill - and how to debate it in Parliament. They will also have a chance to develop public speaking skills and teamwork skills.

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

We can't wait to see the range of issues chosen by young people to be debated in Parliament House.

This booklet outlines the Junior Parliament journey.
WHAT HAPPENS AT JUNIOR PARLIAMENT?

Junior Parliamentarians are allocated into teams. Each team will learn about parliament and democracy, write a Youth Bill and set and work towards personal goals.

At Junior Parliament, you will learn all about parliament, democracy and bill writing. You will develop your public speaking and debate skills and build your confidence.

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. You are part of a passionate group of people and by collaborating and working together, you can make a big difference in the South Australian community.

Junior Parliament is an opportunity to engage with the wider South Australian public. At Junior Parliament 2019, you will have the opportunity and support to advocate for your Youth Bill topic in the community.
WHAT HAPPENS AT JUNIOR PARLIAMENT?

Junior Parliamentarians work together with Taskforce and a team to write a Youth Bill on a topic of importance. These Youth Bills are debated in Parliament house.

What can you write a bill 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
WHAT'S ON?

TRAINING DAY - 2nd of October 2019

The first day of camp is where you will learn all about parliament, democracy, bill 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 - 3rd of October 2019

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

RECREATION DAY - 4th of October 2019

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 a residential camp.
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