

YMCA SA JUNIOR PARLIAMENT

Make Your Mark.

#JP20



- 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 2020.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT FOR JUNIOR PARLIAMENT 2020?

This year is different to most years. Due to the evolving COVID-19 situation, the program has made some changes. The dedicated volunteers that run the program (the Taskforce) has made it their mission to ensure that the program can go ahead with minimal disruption, and has tailored the program to support the current restrictions.

So, what it going to be different?

The program has been shifted to the December school holidays rather than the traditional October school holidays.

Our Taskforce wanted to ensure that all participants get everything they can out of the program without the pressure of a short timeframe. That's why we have moved our camp to later in the year to ensure everyone's safety and wellbeing, but also to give everyone the support they need.

There will still be a 3-day camp but this year we will be at Nunyara Conference Centre! There will be some new restrictions regarding quests, hygiene practices, and locations; these will be available once applications close.

If you have questions, please contact Susan Britza at susan.britza@ymca.org.au or 0458 401 661



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 2020, 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 Friday, 23rd October 2020. Applications are set to close on Monday, 30th November 2020.

PARTICIPANTS NOTIFIED

Successful applicants will be notified by Friday, 4th December 2020. Invoices for participation fee will be sent out the following week.

3-DAY RESIDENTIAL CAMP

14TH – 16TH DECEMBER 2020

COMPULSORY (MUST ATTEND)

TRAINING & RECREATION DAY #1 – 14TH December 2020

The first day of camp is where you will learn all about Parliament, bill and motion writing, and leadership. In addition to equipping you with the technical skills and know-how, the Day #1 also focuses on the basics of democracy; personal development and team building. With some fun recreation activities to break up the workshops, your first day will be jam packed with fun and interesting activities for all.

TRAINING & RECREATION DAY #2 – 15TH December 2020

Day two focuses more on the soft skills; public speaking, debating and speech writing. They will put all their skills that they have learnt over the last two days to the test in practise debates, team building exercises, and recreational activities.

PARLIAMENT DAY – 16TH December 2020

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 chambers of the Junior Parliament.

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 Monday, **30th November 2020**.

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

The forms will need to be returned by Friday, **11th December 2020**.

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, **11th December 2020** (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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