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**Victorian Students' Parliamentary Program  
Secondary Schools' Parliamentary Convention**

Tuesday 21 May 2024

Parliament of Victoria

**Should social media platforms be held responsible for the  
spread of misinformation and fake news?**

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<b>8:40am – 9:25am</b> (45 minutes)	Clear Security and Registration
<b>9:25am-9:35am</b> (10 minutes) <i>Legislative Assembly Chamber</i>	<b>Welcome by Facilitator (Acting as the Speaker)</b> – Sandra Venneri <b>Welcome to Country</b> – Bill Nicholson, Wurundjeri Elder
<b>9:35am-9:40am</b> (5 minutes) <i>Legislative Assembly Chamber</i>	<b>Official Opening</b> – The Hon. Ben Carroll MP, Minister for Education and Minister for Medical Research
<b>9:40am-10:55am</b> (1 hour 15 minutes) <i>Legislative Assembly Chamber</i>	<p><b>Introduction on Standing</b>          - Rules &amp; house-keeping matters</p> <p><b>Introduces the bill for the first reading</b>          - Students to do pre-vote on the topic          - Done via 'On the voices' – all those in favour "aye"; all those against "no"</p> <p><b>Opening Statements (Second reading debates)</b>  <i>Each school will provide an opening statement for under 2 minutes</i></p> <p><b>Order of School Representatives</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Bialik College</li> <li>2. Brentwood Secondary College</li> <li>3. Fintona Girls' School</li> <li>4. Lalor Secondary College</li> <li>5. Lauriston Girls' School</li> <li>6. MacKillop College Werribee</li> <li>7. Marymede Catholic College</li> <li>8. Mount Alexander College</li> <li>9. Mount Clear College</li> <li>10. Our Lady of Sion College</li> <li>11. Saint Ignatius College Geelong</li> <li>12. Sirius College</li> <li>13. St Albans Secondary College</li> <li>14. St Anne's College</li> <li>15. The King David School</li> <li>16. Wodonga Senior Secondary College</li> </ol> <p><b>Explanation of Committee Process</b></p>
<b>10:55am-11:25am</b> (30 minutes) Queen's Hall	Morning Tea (provided)
<b>11:25am-12:10pm</b> (45 minutes) Legislative Assembly Chamber	<b>KEYNOTE 1 (Affirmative Argument)</b> Dr Jennifer Beckett, Senior Lecturer, Co-director, Master of Marketing Communications, University of Melbourne
<b>12:10pm-12:15pm</b> (5 minutes)	Brain Break

<b>12:15pm-1:00pm</b> (45 minutes) Legislative Assembly Chamber	<b>KEYNOTE 2 (Negative Argument)</b> Julian Marx, Lecturer in Information Systems, School of Computing and Information Systems, University of Melbourne
<b>1:00pm-1:40pm</b> (40 minutes) Queen's Hall	Lunch (provided)
<b>1:40pm-2:10pm</b> (30 minutes) Queen's Hall	<b>Student Discussion Groups (Committee deliberation) – Total of 10 Groups</b> <i>Instructions provided in Queen's Hall</i>
<b>2:10pm-2:40pm</b> (30 minutes) Legislative Assembly Chamber	<b>Report Back Session – Total of 10 Groups</b> <i>Groups report back with 2-3 minutes per discussion group</i>
<b>2:40pm-3:10pm</b> (30 minutes) Legislative Assembly Chamber	<b>Soapbox (Continuation of second reading debate)</b> <u>Rule:</u> - Only stand up when called upon / signalled by the Speaker - No need to touch the microphone – Just stand up and speak into the microphone - Each student called will have 2 minutes to speak. The Speaker may stop the student speaking if it goes over time.
<b>3:10pm-3:20pm</b> (10 minutes) Legislative Assembly Chamber	<b>Explanation of voting procedure and how it models Parliament (Third reading)</b> <b>The Vote:</b> <i>Should social media platforms be held responsible for the spread of misinformation and fake news?</i> - Division done by “In your place” method – The Speaker conducts the division by asking all members of parliament voting in the affirmative “Ayes” – to stand up when called, and vice versa. This allows the vote to be counted accurately and the names of those voting to be recorded.
<b>3:20pm-3:30pm</b> (10 minutes) Legislative Assembly Chamber	<b>Official Closing</b> address by Ms Jess Wilson MP, Shadow Minister for Early Childhood and Education, Shadow Minister for Finance and Shadow Minister for Economic Reform and Regulation
<b>3:30pm-3:40pm</b> (10 minutes) Legislative Assembly Chamber	<b>Thank you and Evaluation</b>