

Victorian Students' Parliamentary Program

Revised Information for Schools

The Victorian Students' Parliamentary Program
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Update

Due to the implications of the Coronavirus and social distancing, the delivery of components of the Victorian Students' Parliamentary Program (VSPP) have changed. Details of the program to be delivered in 2020 are detailed below.

Background

The Victorian Students' Parliamentary Program aims to provide opportunities that support the civic learning and active participation in democratic processes of all Victorian students through local, state and national parliamentary programs and in school activities, and to support the professional learning of civics and citizenship education. The program is funded by the Victorian Government Department of Education and Training.

National Curriculum Services Pty Ltd (NCS) and Victorian Commercial Teachers Association (VCTA) have been contracted by the Victorian Department of Education and Training to assist with the delivery of the Victorian Students' Parliamentary Program.

The four specific elements NCS will be involved in are as follow –

1. Local Constitutional Convention Program (LCCP)

In 2020, all Secondary Schools will be invited to be involved in a classroom convention that can be delivered remotely to your students in the classroom.

The topic for the convention will be *Should the voting age be lowered to 16?* Information relating to the topic can be researched on-line for students and debated finalising with an on-line Victoria-wide vote on the topic

2. Primary Schools' Parliamentary Convention (PSPC)

The Primary School Convention will be moved from August 2020 to a date to be confirmed in late November or December 2020.

Details in relation to how to register and the topic for the Convention, will be available to schools mid-June 2020.

3. Secondary Schools' Parliamentary Convention (SSPC)

This will be postponed until 2021 with two Conventions being provided in May and September 2021. Further details will be available later this year.

Should you require additional information or wish to discuss the contents of this information, please call NCS/VCTA on 03 9415 1299 or email christine.reid@vcta.asn.au or nancy.mai@ncsonline.com.au