



## The Parliament Prize 2023

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Each year, the Parliament of Victoria asks students across the state to share what you would say to parliament if you were an MP. This is a chance to talk about the issues that are important to you and your community.

## Taking part is easy!

Tell us about the issues that affect you and your community in a 90-second video.

Elected Members of Parliament get the opportunity to make statements on matters of interest and concern to them. Often that includes matters arising in their local areas that they wish to bring to the attention of Parliament. The maximum time allowed for such statements is 90 seconds per member.

There are resources to help you prepare your entry to the Parliament Prize - <https://new.parliament.vic.gov.au/teach-and-learn/parliament-prize/#resources-for-students-and-teachers>

### Judging Criteria

The judges will look for entries that demonstrate:

1. A clearly articulated message
2. Interesting insights, ideas and/or perspectives
3. A clear understanding of why this issue or idea matters

### Rules

- The competition is open to Victorian students in three year-group categories: Grades 5-6, Years 7-9, and Years 10-12.
- Videos must not contain any copyrighted or offensive material, and must be the student's own work.
- Videos must not exceed 90 seconds.
- Entries must be submitted via the online form.
- Only one entry per student will be accepted.
- Entries close Friday 16 June 2023.
- Late entries will not be considered.

### Ideas:

- Previously, students from across the Victoria spoke about state-based issues such as:
  - Environmental issues including deforestation and plastic usage
  - Infrastructure such as skate parks and roads
  - Mental health issues including increasing support for people
- A person who shows great leadership in our community
- Myanmar

- Small business support/impact of COVID
- Our school
- Youth issues

Please note students are not required to select one of the above issues but are encouraged to select any state-based issue that is important to them.

- Before you start, we would strongly encourage you to look at the Parliament Prize website and read the information/resources.
- Pick a topic you are interested in and can speak about with passion. Make sure it is state-based!
- Do some research, using reliable sources, and think about statistics, personal stories from your own or others' experiences, pictures, or use of backdrops or props to help reinforce your points.
- 90 seconds is around 240-250 words, so you will not be able to include everything.
- Look at examples of Member statements from the Legislative Assembly and Legislative Council (see website - <https://www.parliament.vic.gov.au/hansard>) *Hansard* is a record of everything that is said in Parliament.
- Think about your filming – background noise, presentation, could a background add to your speech? Practice a couple of times. The ACMI website has lots of information about filming that you might find helpful. There are lots of explanations on their Film It page that looks at shot types, camera angles, sound recording, and if you want to get creative, visual effects too.  
<https://www.acmi.net.au/education/film-it/>
- We would highly recommend getting a parent or teacher to check your entry BEFORE you submit it. Miss Foulds and Mrs Cole would be happy to run a lunchtime session or two at school, if students are interested, to help with finishing off entries. There are some details about the Terms and Conditions and providing contact information that we will run through with students.