



Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Parliament of Queensland

Media Statement

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LEGAL STUDIES YOUTH PARLIAMENT PARTICIPANTS CONGRATULATED

Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies students from as far away as Roma, Toowoomba and Kingaroy joined students from the south east corner, in a youth parliament held in the Legislative Assembly today. The Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, Hon Peter Wellington MP, officially opened proceedings of the youth parliament this morning and then chaired its first and closing sessions.

Mr Wellington congratulated the 24 schools and 94 students who participated in the 2016 Legal Studies Youth Parliament, saying that the event provided all with a valuable experience of how Queensland's democratic processes work in their lives.

"It has been a great privilege to preside over and observe the Legal Studies Youth Parliament and I hope that the students participating today will be inspired to take on an even greater role in Queensland's democratic process," Mr Wellington said.

Mr Wellington said the Youth Parliamentarians debated a mock bill which proposed a comprehensive environmental sustainability program to be undertaken by students in Year 12, a ban on plastic packaging in schools and the banning of cars at schools during drop off and pick up times. Students then had the opportunity to speak on matters of importance to them and their community.

"The Youth Members raised a number of very challenging ideas during what was a robust debate," Mr Wellington said.

"I, and my fellow Members of Parliament who helped chair today's debate, were most impressed by the standard of speeches and the passion shown."

The participating schools were:

Aquinas College	Beerwah SHS	Bray Park SHS
Brigidine College	Centenary Heights SHS	Faith Lutheran College Redlands
Genesis Christian College	Grace Lutheran College	Hillcrest Christian College
Indooroopilly SHS	James Nash SHS	Kingaroy SHS
King's Christian College	Miami SHS	Park Ridge SHS
Queensland Academies Health Sciences Campus	Roma State College	Southport SHS
St Benedict's College	St Peter's Lutheran College	Sunnybank SHS
	Springfield	
The Gap SHS	The Lakes College	Wavell SHS

The Queensland Parliament organises and facilitates youth parliament events across Queensland each year.

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