



Speaker of the Queensland Parliament

Wednesday 21 November 2018

Youth Parliament in Townsville

Townsville region students from 18 schools will participate in the 2018 Townsville Youth Parliament to be held tomorrow at Rydges on Palmer St in Townsville.

Deputy Speaker of the Queensland Parliament and Member for Townsville, Mr Scott Stewart MP, will officially open proceedings of the Youth Parliament tomorrow morning and chair its first and closing sessions.

Mr Stewart congratulated all of the students and schools who will participate in the Townsville Youth Parliament.

“I thank the Youth Members from across the region for their hard work in preparing for this event and for having their say on the issues that matter to them.

“My thanks also go to the many teachers and parents who will attend and observe the event, for taking such a strong interest in their students’ education.

“It’s great that we can bring the benefits of the Youth Parliament to the North.

The Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP thanked the Deputy Speaker for presiding over the Townsville Youth Parliament on behalf of the Speaker.

“I hope that the local participating students will be inspired to take on an even greater role in Queensland’s democratic process,

“I’m sure that they will enjoy the experience and I encourage them to continue to speak about issues of importance to them and their community.

The Deputy Speaker will be assisted in presiding over the Townsville Youth Parliament by Aaron Harper MP (Member for Thuringowa) and Nick Dametto MP (Member for Hinchinbrook).

It is expected that 93 students will participate at tomorrow’s event as Youth Members of Parliament.

The Youth Parliamentarians will debate two motions: the first on the introduction of healthy eating measures in schools; and the second on provisions relating to flexible employment and education for young people.

The 18 participating schools are:

- Aitkenvale State School
- Annandale Christian College
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- Blackheath and Thornburgh College
- Brandon State School
- Burdekin Christian College
- Cranbrook State School
- Currajong State School
- Forrest Beach State School
- Good Shepherd Catholic School
- Heatley State School
- Mundingburra State School
- Oonoonba State School
- Railway Estate State School
- St Anthony's Catholic College
- St Joseph's School Mundingburra
- Townsville South State School
- Wulguru State School.

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

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