



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 Toowoomba and Hervey Bay joined students from Brisbane and the south east corner, in a youth parliament held in the Legislative Assembly today. The Speaker of the Queensland Legislative Assembly, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, officially opened proceedings of the youth parliament this morning and then chaired its first and closing sessions.

Mr Pitt congratulated the 87 students and the 26 schools that participated in the 2018 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 Pitt said.

Mr Pitt said the youth parliamentarians debated a mock bill which proposed a number of provisions to boost employment levels in Queensland through banning automation technology and artificial intelligence. 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 Pitt 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
- Assisi Catholic College
- Bray Park SHS
- Brisbane State High School
- Centenary Heights SHS
- Cleveland District SHS
- Corinda SHS
- Emmaus College Jimboomba
- Faith Lutheran Redlands
- Fraser Coast Anglican College
- Hillcrest Christian College
- Indooroopilly SHS
- James Nash SHS
- Kedron SHS
- King's Christian College
- MacGregor SHS
- Narangba Valley SHS
- Park Ridge SHS
- Somerville House
- Southport SHS
- St Peter's Lutheran College
- Sunnybank SHS
- The Gap SHS
- Toowoomba SHS
- Wavell SHS
- Woodcrest State College

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

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