



Media Release

The Honourable Curtis Pitt
Speaker of the Legislative Assembly of Queensland
Member for Mulgrave

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Queensland Day Youth Parliament to paint Mackay maroon

Students from 21 schools in Mackay and the surrounding regions will participate in the 2018 Mackay Youth Parliament to be held on Queensland Day tomorrow at Souths Leagues Club.

Speaker of the Queensland Parliament, the Honourable Curtis Pitt MP, will officially open proceedings of the Youth Parliament tomorrow morning and will chair its first and closing sessions.

Mr Pitt congratulated all of the students and schools that have registered for the Mackay Youth Parliament, saying that the event will provide a valuable experience to better understand how Queensland's democratic processes work.

"There's no more fitting day than Queensland Day to conduct a Youth Parliament in Mackay – particularly with the first State of Origin match being played that night," Mr Pitt said.

"I thank the youth members from across the Mackay and Whitsunday 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, and for taking such a strong interest in their students' education.

"One of the best parts of my job is to work with and meet school students from across Queensland and it's always a great privilege to preside over and observe Youth Parliaments.

"I hope that the participating students will be inspired to take on an even greater role in Queensland's democratic process."

"It's expected that 92 students will participate at tomorrow's event as 'Youth Members' while other students will assist as 'officers of the Parliament'.

Mr Pitt said that the Youth Parliamentarians will debate two motions: the first on the introduction of healthy eating measures in schools and the second on provisions that should apply to the celebration of Queensland Day. Students will then have the opportunity to speak on matters of importance to them and their local community.

"The Member for Mackay, Mrs Julieanne Gilbert MP; the Member for Whitsunday, Mr Jason Costigan MP and the Member for Mirani, Mr Steve Andrew MP have all put their hands up to help chair tomorrow's debate," he said.

The participating schools were:

- Beaconsfield State School
- Clarke Creek State School
- Coppabella State School
- Eimeo Rd State School
- Fitzgerald State School

- Glenden State School
- Kilcummin State School
- Mackay Christian College
- Mackay West State School
- Middlemount Community School
- Mirani State School
- Mistake Creek State School
- Northview State School
- Slade Point State School
- St Anne's Catholic Primary School
- St Catherine's Catholic College
- St John's Catholic Primary School
- St Joseph's Clermont
- St Joseph's North Mackay
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School
- Whitsunday Anglican School

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

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