



Education Newsletter

2024 Assembly Meeting Dates

Term One

Week 3: 13– 15 February

Week 7: 12—14 March

Week 8: 19– 21 March

Term Two

Week 5: 14 - 16 May

Week 6: 21 - 23 May

Parliament can be viewed live
on Meeting Days:

[https://parliament.nt.gov.au/
about/broadcast](https://parliament.nt.gov.au/about/broadcast)

FREE BUS TRANSPORT FOR VISITS

When you bring your class in for a **FREE** tour of Parliament House and include a **FREE** session with the NT Electoral Commission, **full funding for bus transportation will be provided.**

The two hour program includes viewing parliament in action, a tour of Parliament House and a 45 minute NT Electoral Commission education session providing information about voting and an interactive preferential voting activity.

Keep in touch with the DLA

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2024 SEMESTER ONE

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SEMESTER ONE?

Visits to Parliament House

2024 is an NT election year. An ideal time to bring your students to the Parliament. Visit the location where debate and decisions on laws for Territorians take place. A visit to Parliament focusses on the values and features of our democracy and roles and responsibilities of those who are elected to represent Territorians. The values, beliefs and traditions and symbols of Westminster democracies is also covered.

NT Parliamentary Role Play Program

Parliamentary role plays are a fun, interactive way to engage students in the law making process. During a role play students decide on a bill to debate, reinforce their persuasive writing skills by writing a short debate speech and take on a role in the mock parliamentary session.

We provide the use of props and scripts to accurately portray the running of parliamentary meetings.

This is a great follow up activity to consolidate the principles discussed during a visit to the Parliament or as a stand alone activity at the end of your civics and citizenship unit.

Visits to schools—regional and remote NT in 2024

Parliamentary Education will be continuing to visit schools to rural and remote NT schools in 2024. If you are interested in having us bring democracy and the parliament to your school in semester two then please contact as early in the year as possible.

Now is the time to start the conversation with the Parliamentary Education Services team to organise a visit to your part of the Territory or to get that school camp visit to Darwin planning underway.



Parliament House stands on the site of Darwin's first Post Office and Telegraph Station. These buildings were bombed in the air raids over Northern Australia on 19 February 1942. To commemorate the National Day of Observance on 19 February a display will be in the Main Hall from February 12 to 23.

PARLIAMENTARY ROLE PLAYS

We can **visit your class** for **FREE** and spend time immersing your students in parliamentary education. Your classroom will become a Legislative Assembly and the students decide what bill they debate, write their own speeches and take on a role in parliament. Our role plays are highly interactive, linked to the curriculum and fun for all.

ROLE PLAYS FOR SRC & LEADERS

We are also available to run our role plays with students involved in School Representative Councils or other leadership programs. Our role plays can help develop students' understanding of democratic processes and responsibilities involved in representative decision making.

OUTREACH ROLE PLAY PROGRAMS

Even if you are a school in a regional or remote area, we can still visit your class for **FREE** as part of our Outreach program. This includes a Remote Schools Program which facilitates the learning of Parliament through a series of hands-on and visual resources leading up to a modified version of the role play. Contact us to check availability for 2024 .

For secondary students/schools

Step Up Be Heard - a program to support the teaching of Legal Studies

A program over a number of lessons, culminating in your class debating a bill that they have written in the Parliamentary Chamber.

During 2023 Year 10 & 11 classes came to Parliament House and debated bills that they developed that covered issues such as altering school days and hours, laws related to young drivers and alteration to the voting age. This is a great stepping stone to getting involved in activities and opportunities such as at the YNT Youth Parliament 2024 and other youth led initiatives in the NT.

Full details:

<https://parliament.nt.gov.au/about/parliamentary-education-services/schools>

Youth Parliament 2024

The Y Northern Territory youth parliament program will be held Monday 24 June to Thursday 26 June 2024. Young people aged 16 to 25 from across the NT will come together to bring forth proposed bills and debate them in the Legislative Assembly at Parliament House in Darwin.

Alongside Youth Parliament, a concurrent Youth Press Gallery of young aspiring journalists will work with the Youth Parliamentarians to understand their bills, their communities and their individual stories, and produce media which shows the invaluable contribution of young people to all in the Northern Territory and beyond. Register your interest by contacting Program Director Tahlia Biggs:

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DID YOU KNOW?

Parliamentary Education is not just for schools. We also deliver educational sessions and tours for special interest groups and community groups of all ages.

Contact us to find out how we can cater for your group visit.

