



Term 3 2023

VOTING WORKSHOP: HOW DO ELECTIONS AND REFERENDUMS WORK?

BY YOUTH DECIDE

Do students need to know about voting?

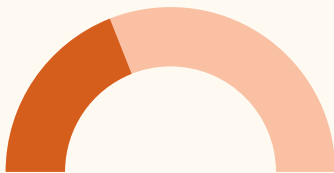


Participation in the democratic process

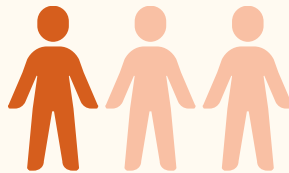
Students:

- investigate the rights and responsibilities of individuals and groups in the democratic process, including the right to vote (ACHCK061, ACHCK062) 🌐 📖 🗳️ 🗳️
- explain how an election is conducted and the range of voting methods – first past the post, preferential, optional preferential and proportional 🗳️ 🗳️
- describe the role of political parties and independent representation in Australia's system of government, including the formation of governments (ACHCK075) 🗳️ 🗳️ 🗳️
- describe the process through which government policy is shaped and developed, including the role of Prime Minister and Cabinet (ACHCK103)
- discuss the significance of a parliamentary majority, a hung parliament and minority government (ACHCK075) 🗳️ 🗳️
- explain how and why the separation of powers exists between the Parliament (legislative), Executive and Judiciary (ACHCK048, ACHCK090) 🗳️ 🗳️

Year 10 Commerce syllabus p32



38% of Year 10 students had proficient knowledge of democracy and Australia's system of government (ACARA 2019)



Only **1 in 3** young Australians (18-29) can name a politician who had a positive impact this year

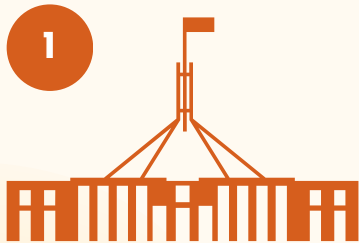


Voter turnout is lowest in the youngest electorates and in decline

Introducing Youth Decide

We help students build the skills and confidence to fully participate in Australian democracy - complete with identifying candidates, casting ballots, and counting every vote.

SAMPLE PROGRAM - 90 MINS



- **What is democracy and is it important?**
- **How does Parliament work?**
- **Elections vs referendums: how do they work?**



- **Who are my candidates?**
- **How are my preferences counted?**



- **Find your electorate**
- **Cast your vote**
- **Counting primary votes and distributing preferences**
- **Announcing winners**

"The highlight for me was the voting, since it was an interactive way to learn about what I will need to do in the future."

- Year 10 student

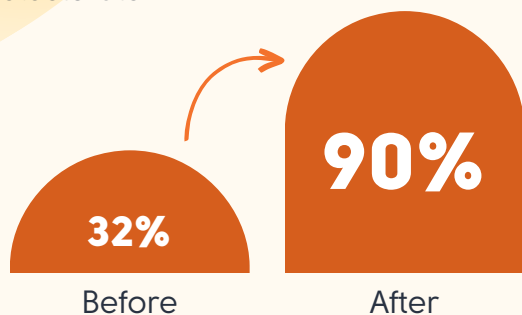


"The highlight for me was learning what some of those terms actually mean because I can now understand what they talk about in the news."

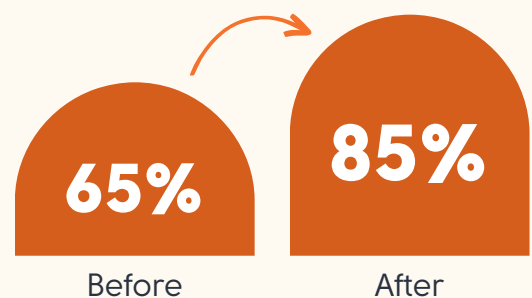
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Students who can correctly name their electorate



How likely are you to vote in elections when you become eligible? (Very likely)



Why Youth Decide?

Empower & engage students to vote.

- Enable students to "participate in democratic processes at school and/or in the community," as per the Year 7-10 History syllabus (p120).
- Help students build the skills and confidence to fully participate in Australian democracy by learning their electorates, candidates, and how to cast valid ballots.
- Create a fun school incursion full of big ideas and interactive activities.



Hands on



Life skills










Builds confidence

Find the workshop for you



Digital Democracy Kit

-  120 min Democracy Lesson Plan
-  Lost at Sea Game
-  4 x Custom Ballots for Nearest Electorates + Blank Ballot Template
-  4 x Electorate Counting Sheets + Blank Template
-  Video explainer for facilitating workshop
-  **BONUS:** Democracy Resource Sheet
-  **BONUS:** Entry & Exit Survey Templates to Measure Impact







\$99

incl GST



Basic Workshop

Approx 90 mins

-  **Workshops include everything in the Digital Kit, delivered in person by professional facilitator**
-  What is Democracy and Is it Important?
-  How Does Government Work and Why?
-  What is My Electorate and How Does Voting Work?
-  **ELECTION:** Collect Ballots, Cast Votes, Counting & Scrutineering
-  **BONUS:** Democracy Resource Sheet









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Pro Workshop

Approx 120 mins

-  What is Democracy and Is it Important?
-  Change Rules, Change the Outcome: How Small Change Adds Up
-  How Does Government Work and Why?
-  Who Do We Vote For? Parties vs Independents
-  What is My Electorate and How Does Voting Work?
-  **ELECTION:** Collect Ballots, Cast Votes, Counting & Scrutineering
-  Finding Trustworthy Media & Avoiding Misinformation
-  **BONUS:** Democracy Resource Sheet

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Next Steps



Workshops are fully customisable to include ideas and information that are most relevant for your students.

Youth Decide will provide the necessary resources, including **polling stations** for voting, **registration forms** to gather student names and electorates, **printed ballots** on election day, and **exit surveys** to measure overall impact.

Please contact us to discuss how this unique experience can support your students.

Contact Us Today



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