



HANDS ON **DEMOCRACY**



Term 1 2024

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS ON VOTING, CIVICS AND DEMOCRACY

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Do students need to know about voting?

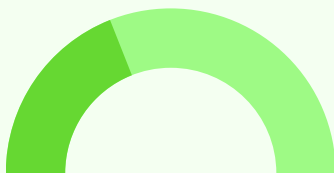


Participation in the democratic process

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

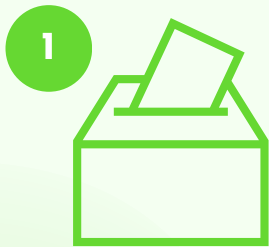


Voter turnout is lowest in the youngest electorates and in decline

Introducing Youth Decide

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

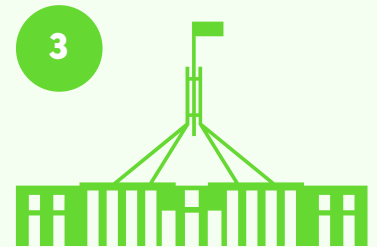
LET'S HAVE A LOOK AT OUR SAMPLE PROGRAM (90 MIN) !



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



- How do we choose candidates?
- How can different procedures lead to different results?



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

"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

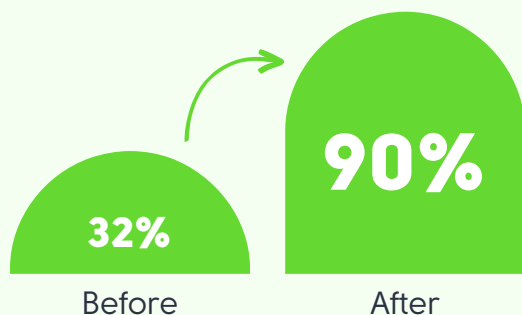


"The highlight for me was learning what some of those terms actually mean because I can now understand what they talk about in the news."

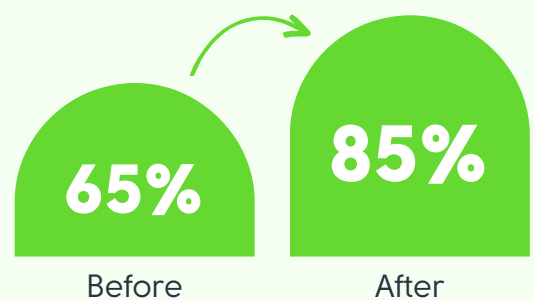
- Year 10 student



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.



Practical



Life skills



Builds confidence

Pick your workshop

	 Voting Workshop	 Civics Workshop	 Democracy Workshop
Duration	90-120 mins	Half Day	Full Day
Price	11.00pp	22.00pp	33.00pp
What is Democracy and Is It Important?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
How Does Government Work and Why?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
What is My Electorate and How Does Voting Work?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
ELECTION: Voting and Counting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Rights, Responsibilities and Compulsory Voting		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Who Do We Vote For? Parties vs Independents		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Media Literacy: Spotting Bias and Misinformation			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Voting Methods Game: Preferential, Proportional and First Past the Post			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Beyond Voting: Organising and Campaigning for Change			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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** and **printed ballots**.

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

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