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Teacher Resource Book

Years 7/8

Modules 1-4



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WELCOME



Welcome to the Parliamentary Education Office's Civics and Citizenship Teacher Resource Book for Year 7/8.

Whether you bring your students to the Parliament of Western Australia or would just like to enhance their knowledge of our state's home of democracy, this resource will provide you with the information to deliver a range of dynamic and engaging learning activities.

Better still, all of the activities contained within the focus units are specifically linked to the Western Australian mandated Civics and Citizenship curriculum. These units are a great alternative if you are unable to book a tour of Parliament House, or if you are planning on visiting, they serve as effective pre and post learning programs.

With interactive and print friendly options available online and no curriculum mapping required, you can focus on what you do best and that's engaging our voters of tomorrow, today.

Introducing Elsie and Ellay



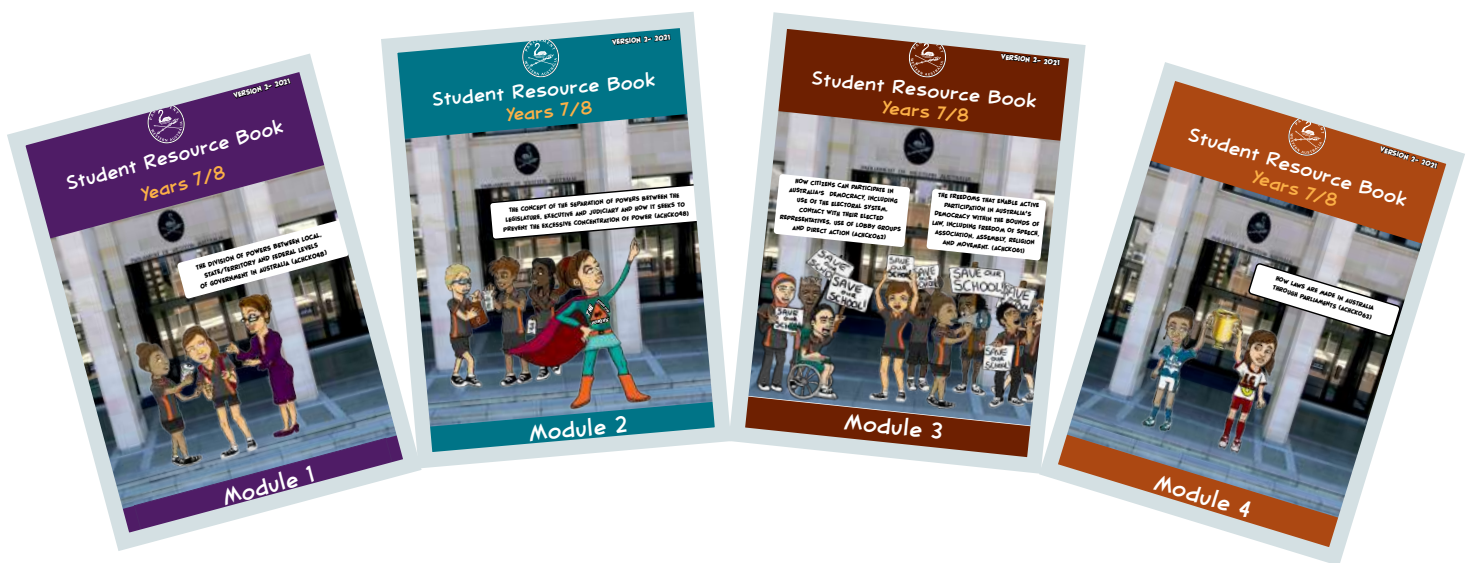
Elsie

**School mascot for the
Legislative Council**



Ellay

**School mascot for the
Legislative Assembly**



Getting the Most from this Resource

This Teacher Resource Book should be read in conjunction with the accompanying Student Resource Books, which are designed to complement the Year 7 & 8 Civics and Citizenship curriculum. This is not a prescriptive text but rather one you can adapt to suit the individual needs of your students. These resources have been underpinned by a variety of learning theories, and take into account the multiple intelligences of the learner. The content of the books are age and developmentally appropriate for your year 7/8 cohort and are written in a conversational, informal way that endeavours to talk to rather than at the students. The inclusion of visually engaging comic book characters enhances this learner experience, providing a framework for exploring multiple units.



The resources are also adaptive to a broad range of cohorts and addresses individual learning styles. Rather than employing a didactic instructional method, the modules have been designed to embrace pedagogical learning principles. Although each module can be completed as an independent standalone learning experience, it is recommended to work through each module, in sequential order to optimise scaffolding principles.

The Parliament of Western Australia passes laws that affect almost every aspect of daily life. In order to develop the knowledge and skill that will be necessary for your students to participate fully within their community and society, it is important that they gain an understanding of Parliamentary Democracy.

The Parliamentary Education Office has developed parliamentary resources, which link the Civics and Citizenship component of the recently released Western Australian Humanities and Social Sciences curriculum, which will assist you to create valuable teaching and learning strategies.

Please feel free to photocopy these resources or use them as you require, for your individual learning environment. Remember, whether you are teaching in mainstream education, a special education setting or indeed a remote community, these resources can be easily modified to relate directly back to the specific learning context you are working within. Prior to delivery of these modules, however, it is recommended that you take time to familiarise yourself with the activities.



If you have any questions relating to the use of Parliament House as a resource for the teaching of Civics and Citizenship in your classroom, please email education@parliament.wa.gov.au.

We also offer Professional Learning opportunities twice a year and the dates can be found on our website.

Modules at a glance

Congratulations for playing your part in promoting Civics and Citizenship.

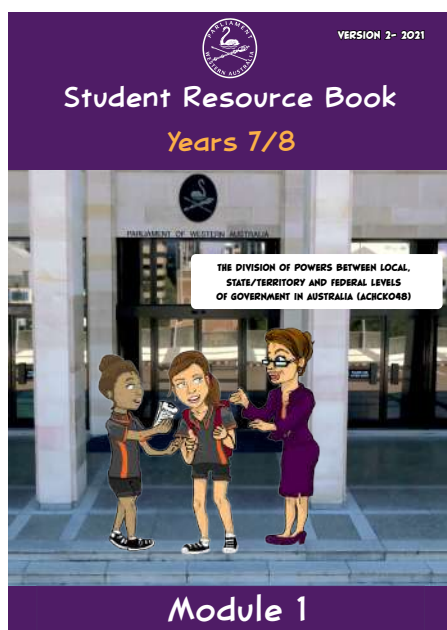
Below are the four modules and the units they cover.

You can download print friendly, full texts and interactive online versions of each module by visiting [our website here](#).

Module 1

The division of powers between local, state/territory and federal levels of government in Australia (ACHCK048)

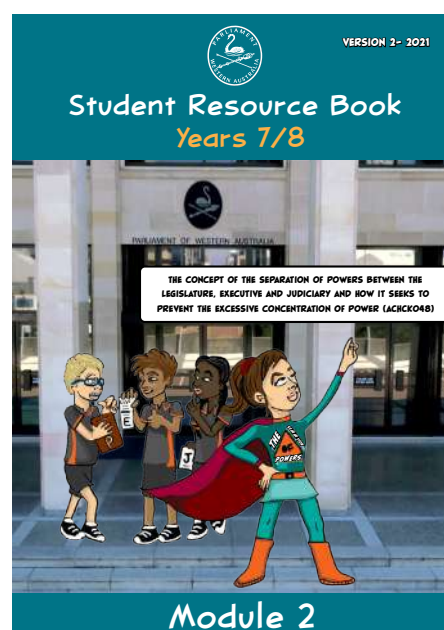
This module has been designed to give students the opportunity to explore the differences between the three levels of government within Australia. An exciting aspect of this unit is the inclusion of cartoon characters Elsie and Ellay, who are fourteen year old, twin sisters living in Western Australia. Students have the opportunity to see how the three tiers of government impact upon the sisters' daily lives. Accessible, relatable and relevant, Elsie and Ellay reflect the lived experiences of your students in an informative and fun way. The embedded comic book is interactive and creates a foundation for further exploration on how laws impact, improve and protect all of us each and every day.

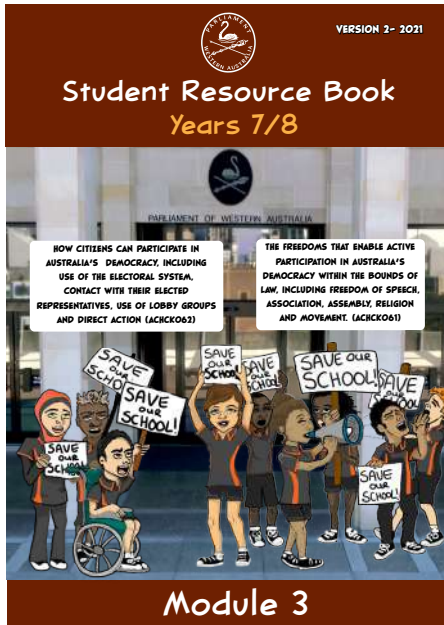


Module 2

The concept of the separation of powers between the legislature, executive and judiciary and how it seeks to prevent the excessive concentration of power (ACHCK048)

Imagine a resource that can break down a complex and potentially dry topic into an engaging and fun set of learning exercises. This module introduces Parliamentary Pat, Executive Ewan and Judiciary Jane, the Tripod Party Planners, who symbolise the three different branches under our Westminster system of democracy. This fun group activity gives your students an opportunity to work both independently and together in planning a teenage party. Relevant, realistic and instructive, your students will not only understand the concept of the separation of powers but will also explore an issue that relates to themselves and their peers.





Module 3

How citizens can participate in Australia's democracy, including use of the electoral system, contact with their elected representatives, use of lobby groups and direct action (ACHCK062)

The freedoms that enable active participation in Australia's democracy within the bounds of law, including freedom of speech, association, assembly, religion and movement (ACHCK061)

Join sisters, Elsie and Ellay as they campaign to save their school from closure. This module provides your class with the opportunity to learn how to participate in democracy by undertaking a lively lobbying exercise. Ideal for an assessable group project, students get the opportunity to manage their very own campaign. This activity encourages students to use their skills in research, public speaking, interpersonal and public relations in a fun way. The embedded comic book is interactive and creates a foundation for further exploration upon how laws impact, improve and protect all of us each and every day.

Module 4

How laws are made in Australia through parliaments (ACHCK063)

What's the Soccer World Cup have to do with how laws are made in Western Australia? In this module, absolutely everything! Join Elsie and Ellay as they use the analogy of the Socceroos trying to win the World Cup to explain how a law is passed in State Parliament. Containing individual and group activities, this module is bound to kick goals for your entire class.

