

Education Newsletter, Term 3, 2020

POWA House is the Parliament of Western Australia's quarterly Civics and Citizenship newsletter produced by the Parliamentary Education Office. Released quarterly, it is designed to keep you up to date on all of our curriculum-linked online educational resources. Don't forget to check out our channels for updates!



Parliamentary Tours Return!

We are pleased to announce that the Parliamentary Education Office is once again accepting [school tour bookings](#) for Term 3. For you and your students' safety there are modified protocols.

The number of tours and the number of students in each tour group have been reduced. There are now sanitising stations in Parliament and there are some limits upon movements throughout the building. Role plays in the Chamber are currently off limits but we have prepared a whole suite of age appropriate activities that can be conducted in your own classroom.



We commend you for your dedication, commitment and adaptability throughout the COVID-19 pandemic.

It may be some time before life returns to a normal rhythm. Being able to adapt teaching programmes and delivery is an ongoing challenge for all educators. To help you meet the challenge the Parliamentary Education website has 13 age appropriate [Role Plays](#) available to help you create your own classroom Parliament.



Setting up your Classroom for a Role Play

Not sure how to set your classroom up as a Parliamentary Chamber? This short video will show you how.

[Develop your own roleplay.](#)



View Before You Do

Now that you know how to set up your room, see how it works with students from Balcatta Senior High School as they do a classroom role play. [Hoon bill roleplay](#)



Age Appropriate Role-plays

In Parliamentary role plays it is important to choose the right topic for the right class. Ask yourself: 'Will the topic interest my students? Is the topic age appropriate? And are there enough speaking parts to keep my class engaged?'

The thirteen role plays we have available can all be used within a cross curricula context, so browse through our list to find the best topic for you and your class. [Student role plays](#)



Divide and Conquer the Concept

To help your class get an even greater grasp of the concept of Parliamentary process you can embed some Divisions into the final lesson. A Division is when Members of Parliament literally vote with their feet.

Join students from [Toodyay District High School](#) as they demonstrate how Members vote when a Division is called.

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