



Parliament of Western Australia

Education Newsletter, Term 1, 2023

The Parliamentary Education Office (PEO) welcomes all HASS teachers to Term 1. In our first edition of POWA House for the year, we discuss tours at Parliament House, our Virtual Q&A sessions, our Outreach program and provide an in-depth breakdown of our civics and citizenship resources.

Tours at Parliament

Over 10,000 students visited WA Parliament during the second half of 2022. Term four was one of our busiest ever, so get in early to book your preferred tour dates for 2023.

Our 60-minute tours run on both sitting and non-sitting days and students also have the opportunity to meet their elected members of Parliament. If your school is located more than 150km from Perth you can apply for a \$200 yearly travel rebate. Find out more about [tours](#) and the [travel rebate](#).



Virtual Q&A Sessions

Can't make it to Parliament? Let us come to your school, virtually!

A Virtual Q&A session is a 30-minute information session with a Parliamentary Education Officer and is an exciting way for Parliament to visit your school. For Years 5 to 12, the session is tailored, with a general overview of Parliament and then answers to student questions. These questions are emailed to the Education Office up to seven days prior to the session.

Booking availability can be viewed [online](#).



Let our Parliamentary Education Officers come to you, virtually!



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Free Online Education Workbooks

Downloadable teacher and interactive student civics and citizenship workbooks are available online. All of our resources come with accompanying teacher notes and multiple learning modules.



[POWA of the People](#) introduces students to Rodney and Macey, our mascots from the Houses of State Parliament. The characters lead students through the passage of legislation and help them explore the role of elective members. Also see the [Teacher Resource Book on our website](#).

[Twin sisters](#) Elsie and Ellay help students discover how the democratic process works, how roles in Parliament help shape legislation and how laws are passed through the Parliamentary process. See all four modules for Year 7/8 students on [our website](#).



[In these resources](#), students learn how the Parliament of Western Australia impacts their daily life by passing laws, representing the people and providing safeguards that protect our democratic system and society. See all four modules for Year 9/10 students on [our website](#).

Whether you're teaching [General](#) or [ATAR Politics and Law](#), these two resources, along with [Teacher's notes](#), will assist your students in developing practical research skills and enhance their abilities in interpreting and applying statistical information to their own words.





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Regional Outreach

Every year, the PEO travels to the regions with our 'Pop-Up' Parliament. Get excited Geraldton, Narrogin, Wagin, Williams, Manjimup, Bridgetown and Collie, as we are heading your way in 2023! Our 2024 regions have also been announced, Find out more about [Outreach](#).



WA Parliament in Margaret River

Thank you to Margaret River Primary School for hosting the parliamentary education team.



As part of our Outreach Program, two members of our education team had the pleasure of visiting Margaret River Primary School last November, to teach children about democracy. The education presenters and the students simulated passing legislation through Parliament. Jane Kelsbie MLA, the Member for Warren-Blackwood, visited the school and talked to the children.



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Understanding Parliament

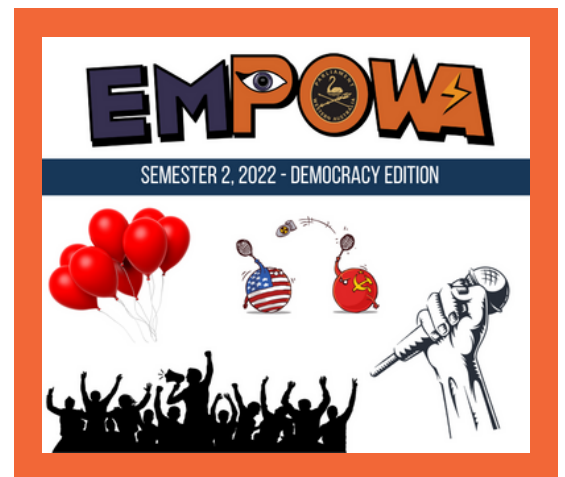
Understanding how laws are made and how your Parliament works is important.

Our [basic English](#) and [everyday English](#) resources assist students in understanding how Australia's democratic system of government works, with a central focus on the functioning of the Western Australian Parliament and the law-making process.

Newsletters



Have you ever wondered, 'How do I engage teenagers in civics and citizenship?' Head to our [Empowa Newsletter](#) to read our take on the power of democracy aimed at 16-24 year olds.



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