2014 SCHOOLS' STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

"Australia is in a 'budget crisis' and

all Australians must share the burden – directly and indirectly".

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Parliament House, Melbourne

A collaboration of:

❖ **Department of Education and Early Childhood Development**
❖ **Social Education Victoria**
❖ **Parliament of Victoria**
❖ **Independent Schools Victoria**
❖ **Catholic Education Commission of Victoria**

8.30–8.50   Registration

A registration desk will be set up in the vestibule. Please be ready at 8.50 am to move into the Legislative Assembly.

9.00   Welcome and opening:

Welcome to Country - Graham Briggs

9.10   Speaker: The Hon Mrs Christine Fyffe, Member for Evelyn, Speaker Parliament of Victoria

9.15   Opening address

Mr Clem Newton-Brown, Member for Prahran, Parliamentary Secretary for Education, opens the Convention and introduces the topic:

"Australia is in a 'budget crisis' and all Australians must share the burden – directly and indirectly."

9.25   First Keynote speaker:

Kris Schroeder, The Basics Party

"Motivations for starting a political party"

9.45   Opening statements: Delegates from approx. 15 schools will address the Convention for up to 2 minutes each followed by questions or points of clarification from other delegates.

The purpose of the opening statements is to provide an opportunity for relevant information and the views of young people to be presented.

The nominated students (in speaking order) are:

1. **Jenny Ji** (Koonung SC)

2. **Jacob Mildren** (Wodonga Senior SC)

3. **Chau Vo** (The Peninsula School)

4. **Julia Pavia** (Lalor SC)

5. **Daniel O'Connor** (University HS)

6. **Kirsty Fealy** (Mackillop Catholic College)

7. **Scott Walker** (Mount Clear College)

8. **Lauren Lambrineas** (Genazzano FCJ College)

9. **Javier Cross** (Scotch College)

10. **Isaac Choong** (Camberwell Grammar)

11. **Lilian Chalmers** (Northcote High School)

12. **Milly McDonald** (St Catherine's School)

13. **Samuel Charville** (Sunbury College)

14. **Robert Dixon** (John Paul College)

15. **Domenic Zattra** (John Paul College)

10.45   Mr Jadon Mintern, ALP Candidate for Morwell

> Addressing the topic of young active citizenship and how he
> became involved in politics beginning with student voice
> activities at school.

11.00–11.30   Morning tea – Queen's Hall

11.30   Delegate discussion groups

> The purpose of the discussion groups is to directly address issues
> associated with the proposition that "Australia is in a 'budget crisis'
> and all Australians must share the burden – directly and indirectly".
> The group should write a brief statement that summarises the group's
> position and any actions or advice they wish to provide the
> government.
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> **Questions to consider are:**
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> •   What is the nature and extent of the 'budget crisis'?
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> Groups should consider the Australian value of a 'fair go' and explore
> the proposition with particular reference to economic decisions (and
> their impacts) in areas such as:
> •   Health and disabilities
> •   Education
> •   Social welfare
> •   Climate change
> •   Foreign aid
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> •   In what ways, and to what extent, might such economic/budget
>   measures affect young people?

A list of groups and group meeting rooms are in delegates' folders. Some delegates will be identified as group facilitators whose role is to manage the discussion and ensure everyone has a chance to express their views. A recorder nominated by the group will write the position statement and actions. A reporter, also nominated, will report back to the Convention at the feedback session after lunch. The recorder must provide a digital copy of the group's response, including any advice, via email, to projects@sev.asn.au before lunch. The reporter MUST retain a hard copy from which to read during the reporting session.

11.40   Teacher meeting

A meeting of teachers accompanying students will be held in Queen's Hall to discuss the program, relevant resources and further teaching and learning opportunities.

12.35   Delegate briefing in Queen's Hall

12.40   Lunch
Delegates to bring or buy own lunch and are allowed to leave the Parliament for lunch.

** Return to the Legislative Assembly to **start proceedings by 1.25pm.**

1.30   Reporting session: Legislative Assembly

The purpose of the reporting session is to present the position statement in a coherent and persuasive manner. Each group will have a maximum of two minutes to report back. Amendments to statements can be made at this time following any clarifying questions.

2.00   Soap Box

This is delegates' final opportunity before the vote to express their views about any of the issues raised, and to persuade other delegates about a particular position statement. The maximum speaking time is determined by the Speaker.

2.30   The Vote (this session will be conducted by the Speaker).

The purpose of the vote is:

(1) to determine delegates' positions on the proposition "Australia is in a 'budget crisis' and all Australians must share the burden – directly and indirectly".

(2) To endorse or reject and proposed action items

Delegates will be directed to vote by the Speaker.

2.40   **2015 National Convention**

Ingrid Mao, St Catherine's' School, who attended the National Convention in Canberra in March 2014, will provide an overview of this event and talk about her experiences.

2.45   **Official closing**

Mr Colin Brooks MP, Member for Bundoora, Shadow Parliamentary Secretary for Education

2.55   **Complete evaluations** (The form is in your folder).

3:00-3:05   Convention close – hand in evaluations and collect certificates

Please note:

- Switch your microphone on before speaking. Do not bend the microphone but ensure you speak into it.

- If you're sitting in the front row you will need to walk to the table to speak.

- Each time you speak, slowly & clearly state your full name and school so that it can be easily heard.

- Switch your microphone off when you have finished speaking.

- No food or drink is allowed in the Chamber.

- If you have any notes, please provide them to Hansard.