



# Lachlan MILLAR MP

## Member for Gregory



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Dear Principals,

Happy New Year. I wish you, your staff, students and your school communities a very happy and successful 2019.

I wanted to let you know that nominations for Youth Parliament are now open and will close on February 22, 2019.

Young Queenslanders between the ages of 15 to 25 can nominate to be a participant. This involves attending a camp to learn about parliamentary processes in the Queensland parliament. Students are then allocated a real state seat to represent as the Youth Member. As much as possible, youth members are assigned to their home seat, or a nearby seat.

Participants travel to Brisbane later in the year and take their seats in a sitting of the Queensland Youth Parliament at Queensland Parliament House. Between the camp and the sitting, the participants work together in committees to draft bills on issues of interest to them. These bills are then debated at the sitting of the Youth Parliament. The youth bills do not become law but are presented to the relevant minister and past youth bills have informed actual legislation.

Participants do not have to know anything about politics, but will learn a lot about formal writing, public speaking and debate, teamwork and how parliament works. Year 11 and Year 12 participants receive one point towards their Queensland Certificate of Education upon completion of the program and former participants have told me it has been a useful inclusion on their resumes.

If you know of any Gregory students who would like to nominate, they can go to <http://www.ymcabrisbane.org/queensland-youth-parliament-home.html> for more information or feel free to call my office for assistance.

Kindest Regards

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