



Overview

- Began c1987 with Bicentennial secondment from NSW Department of Education
- **STAFF:** 3 full-time
 - Manager (Jeannie)
 - Education Officer seconded from NSW DEC (currently shared by Daniela and Rita)
 - Administrative Assistant (Kathy)
- **BUDGET:** \$270,000
- **ORGANISATIONAL POSITION:** Since 2008, part of Department of Parliamentary Services (DPS).

Role

- support active and informed citizenship
- support Members' education needs (e.g. invite Members to participate programs, address Members invited school students/guests, provide resources for school visits and notes for class presentations)
- provide educational activities, support and resources for schools, educational institutions
- extend community understanding of Parliament's role and operation
- offer professional development and seminar programs for educators and the community.

Overview of Programs

- Student programs (school and tertiary)
- Community Programs – linking in with state wide events e.g. History week, Australia Day, International Women's Day, NAIDOC week
- Resources, Publications, Information – move towards more online material
- Exhibitions ...

School Programs and Tours

- Assist Parliamentary tours program (364 tours – 14, 616 school students)
- Other Programs (35 events – 5039 students and general public)
- School Leadership Program (10 + 110 members)
- Young Women's Leadership program (3)
- Regional Youth Parliament, Solomon Islands
- Schools Constitutional Convention (November and June) - 220 students
- ESL workshops 3



- Tours for tertiary groups
- Joint teacher preview with Macquarie Bank

Programs supported and facilitated by Education

- YMCA Youth Parliament and Junior Parliaments in 2013 (Yrs 7 & 8)
- Indigenous Students Debate, secondary and primary
- Climate Change Forum
- Global Dignity Day (148 students and 25 teachers)
- University Internship programs (20 per year)

Community Engagement events and talks

- Electorate Office Staff Inductions
- Law week (assisted Law Society with Year 7 and Year 6 program)
- *A Little Night Sitting x 3 (100)*
- *Australia Day 2,300 visitors*
- *Family Fun Day 1,100 visitors*
- *Twenty Five* exhibition launched January 17, featuring the Parliament's own collection of artefacts, archives and artworks, viewed by approximately 10,00 over 3 months

Plans for the next year ...

- Continue to refresh and update programs, respond to students' interests eg Head of State debate for NSW Constitutional Convention
- Develop Secondary program with LA and LC attendants, including role play with amendment e.g. Increase age of drinking to 21 years!
- Ongoing Challenge ... How to engage the youth audience 18-30 years!
- Regional Youth Parliament across all Australian states and territories twinned with a Pacific parliament
- Video Conferencing for regional schools – roll out in 2014
- Launch Facebook Page 4 February, 2014
- Continue to build relations with cultural institutions