

Tēnā koe e nga taurira

Youth Parliament 2025 – selecting a Youth MP from our local community

I am writing to share with you the process I will be following to select a Youth MP from our local community in the 2025 Youth Parliament and to invite applications from your students aged 16 to 18.

The 2025 Youth Parliament will run from 28th April to 29 August 2025 including a two-day sitting period in Wellington in early July. The six-month tenure enables Youth MPs to engage with their communities, canvas the opinions of their peers ahead of the sitting of the Youth Parliament and champion democratic participation. This is a fantastic opportunity for a young person to show their leadership potential, make connections and use their voice to highlight the issues and concerns of their peers.

In coming to a decision about who I would like to represent our local community in the Youth Parliament, I would like to invite applications from young people who are ready to make a difference in our community, be a voice for everyone and stand for Kotahitanga.

I am inviting 60 second reel/video applications, where budding Youth MPs can tell me what motivates them and why they would like to serve in the Youth Parliament. Reels should be emailed to Shanan.Halbert@parliament.govt.nz by 5pm, on Friday 28 February 2025. I am also accepting nominations from friends of candidates who they would like to see take up this challenge. Before I make a final decision, I will be bringing applicants together for a youth network hui to talk through the issues that matter to them.

I would appreciate your support in sharing this exciting opportunity with your student community and encouragement for them to apply. More information about the Youth Parliament is available on Parliament's website: [Youth Parliament - New Zealand Parliament](#)

Noho ora mai



Shanan Halbert