



**Simon Watts**  
MP for North Shore

**Sarah Kemble — Principal, Carmel College**  
via email: [skemble@carmel.school.nz](mailto:skemble@carmel.school.nz)

**10 February 2025**

**Dear Sarah Kemble**

### **Youth Parliament 2025**

The next Youth Parliament will occur in 2025, with Youth MPs participating in a tenure programme from Monday 28 April to Friday 29 August including a two-day Youth Parliament event in Wellington on Tuesday 01 and Wednesday 02 July. The Youth Parliament programme gives young people the opportunity to understand and be a part of the Parliamentary process and connect with their communities. It will be a significant opportunity for up to 123 young New Zealanders to gather the views of their peers and bring young people's voices to Parliament.

Every Member of Parliament will select a Youth MP to represent their community. I'm seeking applications from interested students at your school to be included in my Youth MP selection process for the North Shore electorate.

Applicants should email a 90-second video on why they want to be a Youth MP and send this to [northshore@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:northshore@parliament.govt.nz) by **Friday 28 February 2025**. The top applicants may appear in front of a panel comprised of myself and other notable members of the community. The winning candidate will need to demonstrate they are articulate, have a strong interest in youth issues on the North Shore and possess the ability to communicate well in a range of different settings.

I would be grateful if you would help promote this opportunity to your students, and I am happy to speak to students about the opportunity, even via zoom. I have attached a banner to this letter which you may like to include in your school newsletter.

I'm looking for a young person who is:

- aged 16-18 years old (inclusive) as at 28 February 2025. Preference will be given to students who are in Year 11 or 12 (therefore still at high school)
- active in their community or region, or looking for ways to become active (acknowledging that some candidates may not be familiar with politics prior to applying)
- able to attend Youth Parliament on 01-02 July 2025 and commit to the Youth MP tenure, from 28 April to 29 August 2025 (training will be offered at the beginning of this tenure)
- interested in youth issues, government-decision making processes, and/or social change
- able to seek the views, opinions and ideas of their peers and represent them at the two-day Youth Parliament 2025 event
- prepared to work within the protocols and behavioural expectations of Youth Parliament 2025.

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I would also like to encourage a range of voices to step forward. Like New Zealand Parliament, Youth Parliament will benefit from a range of voices. Pastoral care will be provided, and accessibility requirements, such as NZSL interpretation/translation will be provided for.

If you have any questions or would like more information on Youth Parliament 2025, please contact the Youth Parliament Project Team at [beheard@youthparliament.govt.nz](mailto:beheard@youthparliament.govt.nz)

Alternatively, please contact my office on 09 486 0005 or [northshore@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:northshore@parliament.govt.nz)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Simon'.

**Hon Simon Watts — MP for North Shore**

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