



STUDENT CLIMATE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

A peer-to-peer student climate leadership program high school students in years 7-12 from high schools across the Brisbane area.

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) is Australia's largest and fastest growing youth organisation, with over 225,000 young people involved across Australia. Our mission is to build a generation-wide movement to create a sustainable world. We do this by **educating, empowering** and **inspiring** young people to actively build a sustainable future in their communities and beyond.

WHAT

Apply to be part of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition's dynamic peer-to-peer student climate leadership program for high school students across the Brisbane area! The program is free of charge and available to high school students of all ages.

As part of the AYCC's Student Climate Leadership Program, students will have the opportunity to be trained in leadership, change-making, communications and campaigning skills, and join together with other young people to fight for a more just and sustainable world. They'll learn from some of the best trainers in the country and become a leader in tackling climate change in their community.

At the conclusion of the program, students will not only have developed valuable leadership and community organising skills to drive climate action in their communities, but will have the opportunity to share their learnings and successes and their leadership to be recognised at a formal presentation event in June.

The program provides the opportunity for students to:

- Network with and be inspired by like-minded high school leaders
- Learn valuable skills in campaigning, leadership, change-making and communications
- Lead and grow the Switched on Schools program in Queensland, and play a core role in AYCC campaigns
- Receive support and mentoring from AYCC volunteers to lead campaigns for climate action
- Join the movement of thousands of young people across Australia fighting for a more just and sustainable world



DETAILS

The program will run throughout term 2, and will involve intensive training with a full weekend launch retreat, weekly skills and leadership workshops, one-on-one mentoring sessions, and hands-on campaigning experience throughout the entire program.

As well as attending workshop sessions, students will be required to commit to a minimum of 8 hours a month to lead and contribute to climate action campaigns, and receive one-on-one support from highly trained AYCC mentors.

Term 2 Program:

Launch Weekend: Saturday the 25th and Sunday the 26th of April

Workshops every Thursday (approx 2 hours each, after school hours):

- April 30
- May 7
- May 14
- May 21
- May 28
- June 4
- June 11

Graduation Ceremony: week of the 15th of June - exact date TBC!

In order to graduate you are expected to attend at least 80% of the sessions.

WHERE

All sessions will be held at the AYCC Brisbane office: Level 5, 444 Queen Street, Brisbane 4000. If you have questions about the venue, concerns about accessibility, or you live outside of the Brisbane area, please contact the AYCC Queensland Organiser, Nick Carter (nick.carter@aycc.org.au) to discuss options for accessibility and participation. We want you on board! We are committed to addressing barriers to involvement in our Program.



CURRICULUM LINKS

The Student Climate Leadership Program will address the Australian Curriculum's cross curriculum priority of Sustainability (OI:3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9). It can also fit in with learning areas including the Humanities, Geography and Science.

- Humanities and Social Science: Year 7-10 including 'The ancient world', 'The ancient to modern world', 'Movements for Change in the 20th Century' and 'The Modern World since 1945.'
- Science: Year 7-10 'Intro to Earth Systems', 'Energy Transfers and Transformations', 'Extracting, Using and Managing Earth's Resources' and 'The Cause and Impact of Earth's Hazards.'
- Geography: Year 7-10 including 'Place and Liveability', 'Landforms and Landscapes', 'Biomes and Food Security', 'Environmental Change and Management' and 'Geographies of Human Well Being.'

We encourage students to use their participation in the Student Climate Leadership Program as part of their involvement in other volunteering and/or leadership courses or units at their school. As the program is designed in line with the Australian Curriculum, it complements and adds value to existing student leadership and civic volunteering opportunities within the school curriculum.

HOW TO APPLY

Students can apply online at <https://forms.gle/bv9bsW24JwwrM7Wt8>

Applications open on the 27th of February 2020 and will close at midnight on the 29th of March, 2020

We strongly encourage applications from students identifying as Aboriginal or Torres Strait islander, students from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, students with a disability, students from rural areas and LGBTQI students.

CONTACT

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact:
AYCC Queensland Organiser, Nick Carter at nick.carter@aycc.org.au
or **AYCC Schools Program Manager, Finlay Nolan** at finlay@aycc.org.au.

This program is an initiative of the Australian Youth Climate Coalition's Switched on Schools program. You can learn more about the program at www.switchedonschools.org.au