



VICTORIAN STUDENT CLIMATE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM 2017

A peer-to-peer student climate leadership program for 20 high school students in years 8-12 from high schools across Victoria.

WHAT

Apply to be part of a NEW dynamic peer-to-peer student climate leadership program for high school students across Victoria. 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 school and 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 September.

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 Victorian Switched on Schools program and play a core role in AYCC campaigns
- Receive support and mentoring from AYCC volunteers to lead a local climate action campaign
- Join the movement of thousands of young people across Australia fighting for a more just and sustainable world



DETAILS

This 6 month program will involve intensive training with 2 full day leadership retreats, 6 two hour skills and leadership workshops, one-on-one mentoring and hands-on campaigning experience.

Saturday 22nd April, 10am-4pm: Program Launch

**Wednesday 10th May, 6-8pm | Wednesday 31st May, 6-8pm | Wednesday 21st June, 6-8pm
| Wednesday 19th July, 6-8pm | Wednesday 9th August, 6-8pm | Wednesday 30th August, 6-8pm**

Saturday 16th September, 10am-4pm: Celebration Event and Graduation Ceremony

Participants in the program will also have the opportunity to:

- Attend 'Power Shift', Australia's largest gathering of young people coming together to learn and take action on climate change
- Be part of the organising team for the Climate Justice Summit in Melbourne, bringing together over 250 high school students from across the state.

Students accepted into the program will be required to commit to a minimum of 8 hours a month to lead a climate action campaign at their school, contribute to AYCC campaigns and receive one-on-one support from highly trained AYCC mentors.

WHERE

All sessions will be held at Office 5, 60 Leicester Street, Carlton, 3053

The venue is easily accessible via public transport, and has bike racks and parking facilities nearby.



CURRICULUM LINKS

The Victorian 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 Victorian 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: www.switchedonschools.org.au/VSCLP2017

Applications open Thursday 16th February, 2017 and close Friday 31st March, 2017

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 and regional areas and LGBTQI students.



CONTACT

If you have questions or would like further information, please contact AYCC Schools Program Director, Laura Sykes, via 0437007437 or laura.sykes@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



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