



# VIC STUDENT CLIMATE LEADERSHIP PROGRAM FAQs

**Q: Is there a cost to be part of the program?**

There is no cost for students to be part of the program due to generous sponsorship from a number of organisations and philanthropic bodies. AYCC will provide catering for all workshop sessions as well as offer financial support to assist with travel expenses for students from regional and rural Victoria.

**Q: What is the weekly time commitment required for participation in the program?**

Workshop sessions run roughly twice a month for 2 hours in duration, with a total of 6 sessions from May – October 2017. The program also includes a one day launch event and a one day celebration and graduation event.

As well as attending all workshop sessions, students 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.

**Q: What if I live in regional/rural Victoria? Can I still participate in the program?**

We are dedicated to providing opportunities for all students to participate in our programs regardless of their geography, and are passionate about prioritising those from diverse cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. If you are from rural or regional Victoria, we strongly encourage you to apply for the program. We are developing a variety of online and digital resources and trainings to provide access for students from outside the Melbourne metropolitan area, and will work closely to tailor our ongoing mentoring to the needs of students from rural/regional Victoria. We are also looking at holding a number of the workshops outside of the CBD to cater to students outside the inner Melbourne area.

**Q: Where will the program take place?**

All sessions will be held at the AYCC Victoria Office, 60 Leicester St, Carlton.

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



**Q: Can I still apply if I can't attend all of the sessions?**

The VIC Student Climate Leadership Program is designed as a holistic learning journey for high school students, with each workshop and ongoing mentoring building the leadership skills and capacity of students to lead climate action in their communities.

Participants must attend all sessions of the program, including the 2 full day launch and celebration events. This is not only valuable for student's learning and skill development, but also provides the opportunity to network with like-minded student leaders and build strong relationships to lead local change-making.

We do, however, understand that things may arise, such as sickness or personal issues, that may prevent participants from attending a workshop. In such circumstances, we will address attendance on a case-by-case basis.

**Q: Can participation in this program count towards my Duke of Edinburgh/other leadership or volunteer program requirements?**

We encourage students to use their participation in the VIC Student Climate Leadership Program as part of their involvement in other volunteering and/or leadership courses or units at their school. The program is designed to address a variety of learning areas in Social Science, Geography and HSIE, as well as the cross curriculum priority of sustainability. It therefore complements and adds value to existing student leadership opportunities within the school curriculum. Please indicate on your application if you are part of an existing leadership/volunteering program at your school.

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](http://www.switchedonschools.org.au)

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