

Students: Eligibility requirements and conditions of entry for the Westminster Prize

Key eligibility criteria and conditions:

- Be a full-time Year 9 student (Year 10 in 2027), either enrolled at a Queensland high school (state or non-state) or registered for home schooling through Queensland Home Education.
- Study or have a strong interest in civics and citizenship as part of your schooling and aspire to pursue careers in this field.
- Be an Australian citizen, permanent resident of Australia or a New Zealand citizen residing in Australia.
- Have (or be willing to obtain) a current and valid passport with at least six months' validity from the date of return to Queensland and ensure there are no restrictions on your travelling to the destination.
- Be available to travel to Brisbane in November 2026, and travel to Canberra and the United Kingdom in June/July 2027.
- Confirm receipt of visa, if required, at least four weeks prior to the program departure date.
- Be willing to disclose personal information where required for travel and health insurance purposes and provide a doctor's certificate stating that you are in good physical and mental health and fit for international travel, in accordance with the terms of cover under the Group Medical Conditions (group policies) listed by [GoSafe Travel Insurance](#).
- Abide by the [International School Study Tours Student Participant Agreement](#) and follow your school's Code of Conduct during the program, under the care of supervising teachers and other adults.
- Be willing to represent Queensland with maturity, leadership, and openness to learning as a student ambassador.
- Be willing to abide by the laws of the country you visit.
- Be willing to abide by the rules and conditions of the program, actively participate in all activities that form part of the program and comply with the laws of the host country/ies.
- Have parent(s)/guardian(s) consent to submit an application or be a department recognised independent student.
- Provide the contact details of a teacher from your school who is willing to endorse your application.
- Apply by 5:00pm on the closing date via the **Online Application Portal** and **video email submission**.
- Ensure your application is complete; incomplete applications will not be considered, and no responsibility will be taken for late, misdirected or lost applications.
- Apply as an individual; applications from groups will not be accepted.
- Understand that you may apply for multiple programs but can only be selected to travel for one program. Priority will be given to applicants who have not participated in a Global Engagement program within the past 12 months.

- Be aware that the department reserves the right, at any time, to verify the validity of your entry or disqualify your application if it does not meet the conditions listed in this document.

Further requirements and conditions for successful applicants:

Administrative requirements (before travel):

- Complete all departmental forms required to participate in the program, including but not limited to the department's Project Consent Form and the [International School Study Tours Student Participant Agreement](#).
- Promptly advise the department of any changes to information you supplied on the Online Application Form and any issues which may affect your participation in the program (for example, changes to your health, family situation, financial circumstances, school, or a need for any special requirements or assistance during the program).
- Ensure the department always has up-to-date contact details for you and your parent(s)/guardian(s).
- Participate in all pre-program briefings and events.
- Comply with all reasonable requests by the department for any additional information or documentation.
- Work with local communities and engage in a civic project.

Program expectations and conditions (during the program):

- Understand that information may be provided to your parent(s)/guardian(s) about you, including (but not limited to) your behaviour on the program and any health or wellbeing issues or concerns.
- Accept that the department is not responsible for any loss or damage to persons or property if you are sent home in accordance with these rules.

Post-program obligations:

- Make presentations about the program to your school community, if requested.
- Participate in all post-program briefings and complete a post-program survey.

Program funding and expenses:

- The department will cover your program expenses, which may include airfares (domestic and international), visa, travel insurance, accommodation and most meals. Refer to each program's webpage for a full list of covered expenses.
- You are responsible for your personal expenses, including excess baggage, passport, vaccinations, any excess payable for claims made against the travel insurance policy, and incidentals, such as spending money, mobile phone charges and personal purchases.

Program nature and limitations:

- This program is not a student exchange program provided under the National Guidelines for Student Exchanges and is not quality assured by the relevant state registration authority.
- The program is not intended for personal tourism before, during, or after the program, nor for visiting family or friends in the country you are travelling to.
- At the department's discretion, the program is subject to change or cancellation.
- The program cannot be exchanged and is not redeemable for cash.

Revocation of selection:

- Selection in the program may be revoked if you:
 - do not comply with the conditions as stated in this document;
 - are unable to obtain a passport and/or visa;
 - do not adhere to departmental policies, procedures and guidelines, including but not limited to your school's Code of Conduct;
 - do not provide a doctor's certificate stating you are fit for international travel in accordance with the terms of cover under the Group Medical Conditions (group policies) listed by [GoSafe Travel Insurance](#) and/or the department is unable to obtain an appropriate level of travel insurance coverage for you ('appropriate' will be determined by the department in its absolute discretion); and
 - are suspended or expelled from school.
- The department is not responsible for any loss or damage to persons or property if your selection for the program is revoked, or if you are sent home in accordance with these requirements and conditions.

Updates to requirements and conditions:

- These requirements and conditions may be updated if additional or varied rules are required.
- You must follow any revised program rules if notified.
- The department is not responsible for any loss or damage resulting from failure to adhere to the program conditions.