

**Dunedin office**

## Youth Parliament 2022

Kia ora!

Thank you for being interested in being my Youth MP for the tenth New Zealand Youth Parliament taking place in 2022.

The Youth Parliament programme provides an opportunity to hear from young people from around Aotearoa New Zealand on what is important to them, and for Youth Members of Parliament (Youth MPs) to actively work on topics and issues they are passionate about.

Each MP is selecting their own Youth MP to represent them and the electorate they serve for a six-month community-based tenure, including participating in the two-day Youth Parliament 2022 event at Parliament.

### Role of a Youth MP

#### Represent:

Youth MPs participate in Youth Parliament as representatives of themselves and their community. They do not have to follow the political views of their MP or their party, and they are encouraged to use the experience to speak to the matters that are important to them.

#### Engage:

The six-month tenure ensures Youth MPs engage with their communities and prepare for the two-day event on 19 and 20 July 2022. Youth MPs will be expected to canvas the opinions of their peers to inform their participation in the event. In addition, Youth MPs may wish to undertake a community project during their tenure, which you could identify and be supported by me as the MP.



## Experience:

During the event, Youth MPs will experience all aspects of Parliament including:

- **Question time:** Youth MPs will ask questions of Ministers
- **Select Committees:** Youth MPs will break into subject select committees and their reports will be tabled in the House
- **General debate:** Youth MPs can discuss issues they feel passionate about
- **Legislative debate and vote:** Youth MPs will consider the Youth Parliament 2022 mock Bill and participate in a conscience vote
- **Party caucus sessions:** Youth MPs will be arranged into parties, to provide them a chance to discuss how conscience votes are made by caucuses

## Key Dates

15 September 2021	Selection Period Opens
12 November 2021	Selection Period Closes
Mid-December 2021	Youth MPs, Youth Press Gallery Members and Youth Clerk announced
1 March 2022	Tenure begins
18 July 2022	Youth Parliament onsite orientation
19 to 20 July 2022	Youth Parliament onsite event
31 August 2022	Tenure ends

## Eligibility Criteria

Each MP is entitled to select one young person to be their Youth MP, who must be:

- 16 to 18 years of age (inclusive) on 12 November 2021
- Active in their community or region, or looking for ways to become active in their community or region (even if you have not had experience with politics or activism before, you are still eligible)
- Interested in issues affecting young people, politics and/or social change
- Able to manage the time commitment of being a Youth MP from 1 March 2022 to 31 August 2022, including the Youth Parliament event on 19 – 20 July 2022
- Prepared to work within Youth Parliament 2022 protocols and behavioural expectations (including signing a Code of Conduct).

## Application Process

To ensure I garner a wide range of applicants to select the best Youth MP to represent me and the Dunedin Electorate, I've decided the following process to select a Youth MP:

- Applicants must submit an application containing the following:
  - A completed application form
  - A complete CV, including any information on community or volunteer work
  - A three minute video explaining why they believe they should be the next Youth MP for Dunedin

You could record yourself giving a maiden speech, a debate on a piece of legislation, or simply tell me who you are. The key thing I'm looking for is creativity – make yourself stand out from the rest.

You can send your application to me at [dunedin@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:dunedin@parliament.govt.nz) or drop it into my Electorate and Community Office here in Dunedin at 544 Great King Street.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing your application.

Ngā mihi nui,

**Hon Dr David Clark**  
**Member of Parliament for Dunedin**

## Youth MP Application Form

### Youth MP Applicant Information

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Date of Birth</b>	
<b>Postal Address</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Home Phone Number</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone Number</b>	
<b>Name of school university or training provider, community group or workplace</b>	

### Parent / Guardian Information

Please complete if aged 17 or under as of 12 November 2021

<b>Name of parent / guardian</b>	
<b>Email Address</b>	
<b>Home Phone Number</b>	
<b>Mobile Phone Address</b>	

## Supporting Information

Please include any other supporting information which you think may be relevant for me to know about you in this process.