



MELBOURNE SECONDARY YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE 2027

THURSDAY, 11TH MARCH 2027 | MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE

Thank you for registering for our Youth Leadership Conference! Please review the following important information to help you prepare for the event. If you have any further questions or queries, please contact info@ylaaus.com or call us on 02 7252 5534.

WHAT TO BRING

On the day, please ensure students bring the following:

- Pen
- Recess and lunch
- Water Bottle
- Mobile Phone (if permitted)
- A small tote bag (not their usual backpack)

Please Note: most of our venues do not permit school bags in the theatre and you will be required to place these in the cloak room. Please allow extra time if bags are required.

SEATING & TICKETS

The event offers general admission seating. To secure seats, we recommend arriving at 8:45 am. Please note that **no** hardcopy tickets will be issued. Instead, your school's name will be registered at the door upon your arrival.

PARKING & TRANSPORT

Please refer to the venue's website for parking and transport information. If you have any questions regarding parking, please direct them to the venue, who will be able to provide the most accurate advice.

SAFETY AND EXCURSION DOCUMENTS

For your convenience, all safety documents and policies pertaining to YLAA are accessible for download at www.ylaaus.com/safety. Please be aware that YLAA is unable to complete excursion documentation on your behalf due to the national tour involving over 850 schools.

ARRIVAL

Upon arrival, ushers will direct you towards our registration desk. **Doors to the event open at 8:45 AM** and the **event begins at 9:15 AM sharp**. We understand that delays sometimes do occur, and staff will remain stationed at the doors until 10:00 AM. If you know that you will be arriving late, please inform us by emailing info@ylaaus.com or phoning 02 7252 5534.

INCLUSION

We strive to ensure that all students can fully enjoy and participate in this event, regardless of their circumstances. If you are bringing a student with special needs, kindly inform us in advance by emailing info@ylaaus.com. We have a comprehensive accessibility action plan in place, which you can view on our website. Together, we will work towards finding the best solution to ensure that your student can attend and have the best possible experience.



BREAKS

Throughout the day, there will be two 40-minute breaks scheduled for students to have the opportunity to eat and relax. Per our venue safety plans and guidelines, we request that all staff and student attendees exit the theatre during these breaks. Additionally, we also ask that you aim to be back in the main room before the end of the break, as we are on strict timing throughout the entire event.

YLAA MERCHANDISE

Exclusive YLAA merchandise will be available for purchase on the day of the event. These items are a great way for students to celebrate their leadership journey and represent their involvement in the YLAA National Tour.

Our iconic **YLAA Pin** has been specially designed for students attending YLAA conferences across the country and is a meaningful keepsake of their leadership experience.

Available on the day:

- **YLAA Pin** – \$5
- **YLAA Bucket Hat** – \$19
- **YLAA T-Shirt** – \$40
- **YLAA Hoodie** – \$60

MORE ABOUT YLAA

Youth Leadership Academy Australia is a pioneering youth-led not-for-profit organisation passionately committed to empowering young Australians to lead themselves, their schools and our communities.

Through our dynamic array of programs, including events and comprehensive school-based programs, we offer young Australians from Year 5 to Year 12 the tools to develop critical leadership skills.

Our strategic collaborations with schools and local governments are vital, allowing us to extend our reach and impact, particularly in regional and remote areas where opportunities are often scarce. These partnerships are designed to enrich our communities by driving youth engagement, enhancing local leadership capabilities, and broadening the horizons of our future leaders.

At Youth Leadership Academy Australia, we are driven by a vision of a future where every young person is empowered to make a positive difference. Our commitment extends beyond our programs; it is about creating a sustained movement of proactive young leaders who are ready to tackle the challenges of today.

Learn more: www.ylaaus.com