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2025 PARLI-FLICKS SHORT FILM AWARD

Students are invited to take part in the 2025 Parli-Flicks Short Film Award.

This year, the theme is: “What do I value about democracy?” It invites students to create a one-minute short film that explores what democracy means to them and why it is important that all citizens have a say in decision-making processes.

The competition is open to NSW students in Years 5 to 12. Five entries will be shortlisted in these categories:

- Best Regional
- Best Metropolitan
- Best Primary (Years 5 & 6)
- Best Junior Secondary (Years 7 – 9)
- Best Senior Secondary (Years 10 – 12)

One of these entries will receive the Parli-Flicks Prize 2025—a $500 prize and a trophy. All shortlisted entries will receive $100 (to be shared by the entrants), and each shortlisted student will receive an individual medal. Shortlisted finalists will be invited to an awards night at the NSW Parliament in Sydney, with travel and accommodation assistance provided to regional finalists.

Entries close at midnight on 8 August 2025.

To enter, students can work individually or in a group of up to three. Films can be live action or

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animated, drama or comedy, documentary-style or direct-to-camera. The main requirement is to answer the theme question within one minute.

Teachers can use the Teacher Guide to help students develop their entries. More information, past winning entries, and the competition guidelines are available via Parliamentary Education & Engagement: dps.education@parliament.nsw.gov.au.

I believe this competition is a wonderful way to engage students with the values of democracy and help them find their voice as active citizens. I would greatly appreciate it if you could encourage your students to enter.

Please let me know if you have any questions or would like support in sharing this opportunity with your school community.

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Member for Leppington

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