

Dear Students, Parents, Teachers, and Rotary Clubs,

Thank you for considering the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2023!

MUNA is a powerful extra-curricular activity that pulls together so much of the VCE curriculum, History, Geography, Social Science, Political Studies, English and Drama, as well as providing leadership opportunities.

There is no financial cost to the students or teachers.

Please find below the answers to some frequently asked questions about MUNA.

For more, go to <https://www.youth.rotary9820.org.au/muna2023> or feel free to contact us.

Yours sincerely,

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What is MUNA?

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is an inter-school debating event where students in teams of two will debate from the point of view of their country. Students will select their country prior to the event and research their country's positions on various topics. The students will gain valuable research, debating, and negotiating skills, as well as building connections with other students from multiple schools.

Who is MUNA for?

MUNA is for students in years 10, 11 or 12 with an interest in, or wanting to learn about, policy, community, debating, international relations and teamwork. MUNA is a great personal and professional development opportunity that teaches public speaking, respect and research skills – as well as the opportunity to build connections and make friends with students from other schools.

What is Rotary's connection?

MUNA is organised by a committee of Rotary members and local Rotary clubs will sponsor students to attend, so it is completely free for students to participate! Students and/or their school should get in touch with their local Rotary club now to enquire about sponsorship. This is not a UNAA event. MUNA is a United Nations supported program.

MUNA is a joint project of Rotary Districts 9810 and 9820. Rotary District 9810 covers the areas of Kingston, Bayside, Glen Eira, Monash, and Knox. Rotary District 9820 covers the areas of Mornington Peninsula, Frankston, Dandenong, Casey, Cardinia, Bass Coast, Baw Baw, La Trobe, South Gippsland, and East Gippsland. To find your nearest Rotary club, go to:

- <https://9810rotary.org.au/ClubsMap>
- <https://rotary9820.org.au/ClubsMap>

Where and when is MUNA?

MUNA will be at Nossal High School on Saturday 19 August 2023. The day will be 8:30am to 6:30pm, which includes lunch and dinner. Transport to and from Nossal will need to be arranged by parents and/or teachers. MUNA will be held in the theatre at Nossal, so parents, teachers and friends are encouraged to come and watch the event in person.



How does the registration process work?

The online registration form at <https://www.youth.rotary9820.org.au/muna2023> will open on Friday 19 May. When completing this form you will need to name the two students in your team and you will be asked to select your country from the below list.

You will also be asked to nominate the sponsoring Rotary club if you know it, so schools and Rotary clubs are encouraged to contact each other now!

Initially one team will be accepted from each school. If schools would like to put forward additional teams, please email muna@rotary9820.org.au or rob.cook@rotary9820.org.au and the additional teams will be put on a waitlist dependant on capacity.

What role does the teacher play?

Each team will need a staff member from their school to be that team's 'counsellor' to assist in research and to help organise logistics of transport to and from MUNA. Communications from the MUNA committee to the teams/schools will primarily be through this teacher/counsellor.

What countries will be represented?

The following countries will be at MUNA in 2023. Selecting the team's country is on a first-come, first-served basis when registering.

- Australia
- Brazil
- China
- Cuba
- Democratic People's Republic of Korea
- Ethiopia
- France
- Germany
- India
- Indonesia
- Japan
- Mexico
- Pakistan
- Russian Federation
- Saudi Arabia
- Solomon Islands
- South Africa
- Syrian Arab Republic
- Türkiye
- Ukraine
- United States
- United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Island
- Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
- Yemen

What are the topics that will be debated?

There will be four resolutions debated at MUNA which relate to humanitarian, environmental, economic, and political topics. This year's topics will be:

- The global environment and a meaningful response to natural disasters
- Restructure of the United Nations Security Council
- Protection of international trade routes
- Social media regulation



What are the debating rules?

MUNA follows closely the rules of the real United Nations or Parliaments in Australia. Each resolution will have a Sponsor and a Secunder, and speakers will alternate 'for' and 'against' each resolution with time limits. Students will be told more about the debating rules in the lead up to the event.

How do students prepare for MUNA?

Students will know their country when completing the registration form. Start researching that country's policies on the debate topics!

There will be an Online Preparation Workshop on Saturday 22 July at 11am to 12pm with essential information about researching and what to expect on the day.

What are the MUNA key dates?

Friday 19 May	Registrations open at https://www.youth.rotary9820.org.au/muna2023
Friday 16 June	Registrations close
Late June	Waitlisted schools wishing to submit more than one team will be offered spots if there is capacity
Friday 2 July	Sponsorship invoices for Rotary clubs are due
Saturday 22 July	Online Preparation Workshop will take place on Zoom 11am to 12pm to give students more information about the topics being debated, some tips on how to research, and other information for the day
Saturday 19 August	MUNA

What is the cost?

MUNA is completely free for the student participants, they will be sponsored by their local Rotary club. The cost for sponsoring Rotary clubs is \$165 per team of two students.

Will there be food?

Morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, and dinner are provided to the student participants, as well as teacher or parent chaperones at MUNA.

Guests coming to watch MUNA can purchase meals for a nominal cost.



Are there prizes?

Every student will get a certificate to acknowledge their contribution. There will also be the following prizes awarded:

Best Delegation	Monetary prize and perpetual shield to be kept at the school for 12 months	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators
Best Delegation Runner Up	Monetary prize	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators
Delegation that was the greatest influence for world peace	Monetary award and perpetual peace shield to be kept at the school for 12 months	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators
Best Country Dress	Monetary prize	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators
Governor's Commendation	Monetary prize	Decided by the Rotary District Governor
People's Choice Award	Monetary prize	Decided by the fellow student delegates
Encouragement Award	Monetary prize	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators

Do students have to dress up?

MUNA is not a costume party to ridicule or appropriate other cultures. Students are encouraged to respectfully dress in their country's national dress or that country's formal clothes befitting the event. If not wearing national dress, students can dress semi-formal or wear their school uniform.

Does MUNA support cultural diversity and inclusion?

MUNA follows the Rotary Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policy which embraces a culture that celebrates the contributions and inclusion of people of diverse backgrounds, regardless of age, ethnicity, race, colour, abilities, religion, socioeconomic status, culture, sex, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

How does Rotary ensure child safety at MUNA?

Rotary District 9820 strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth participating in Rotary activities. We have strong child safe policies and checks for anyone at events with children at programs run by Rotary District 9820. policies are available here:

www.rotary9820.org.au/stories/district-9820-child-safe-policies-for-rotarians

