



Information Booklet 2026

Students, Parents, Teachers, Rotarians & Rotaractors

Thank you for your interest in the Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) 2026.

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 and teamwork opportunities.

There is no financial cost to the students or teachers.

Information pertaining to frequently asked questions about MUNA is included in this booklet.

For more information go to Rotary District 9815 [Youth Program MUNA](#)

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What is MUNA?

The Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA) is an inter-school debating event where teams of six students form a delegation to represent assigned countries and debate those countries' positions on set topics. Unlike other UN school programs, Rotary MUNA emphasizes debating resolutions rather than drafting amendments.

Who is MUNA for?

MUNA is for Years 10 and 11 students interested in how the UN General Assembly works. Delegates debate international matters with the goal of promoting peace and mutual understanding, representing the viewpoint of their assigned UN member country. In addition, they gain experience with lobbying, diplomacy, and voting processes within a simulated general assembly.

What is Rotary's connection?

MUNA is organised by a committee who are members of Rotary International. Local Rotary clubs can be approached to sponsor a delegation, (team of six students), to attend the half-day MUNA event, so it is completely free for students to participate.

Teachers are encouraged to reach out to their local Rotary club to enquire about sponsorship. To find the nearest Rotary club go to [Rotary District 9815 Clubs & Contacts](#)

This is not a UNAA event (Model United Nations in Schools) or Evatt event (UN Youth Australia)

MUNA is a Youth Project of Rotary District 9815. The area covered by the District extends from Kingston, Bayside, Glen Eira, Monash, Knox, across to the Mornington Peninsula, Frankston, Dandenong and over to Casey, Cardinia, Bass Coast, Baw Baw, Latrobe, South Gippsland, through to East Gippsland.

Where and when is the Rotary MUNA?

Rotary District 9815 is now organised into seven groups, referred to as "Rotary Community Groups" or "RCGs". MUNA will be staged in two different locations in the District and will involve six out of seven RCGs. The event will be held on a Saturday in August from 8:30am – 1:45pm and will follow the same schedule.

NOTE: Teachers will need to contact their local Rotary Club to confirm the date for their RCG MUNA as schools will be grouped into different areas.

RCGs 2&3 (Area A) MUNA - Lyndale Secondary College on Saturday 15th August.

RCGs 4&5 (Area B) MUNA – Lyndale Secondary College on Saturday 22nd August.

**RCGs 6&7 (Area C) MUNA - St Paul's Anglican Grammar School, Warragul Campus,
on Saturday 1st August.**

What is the format of a Rotary MUNA?

In the revised format, each school sends a six-student team (delegation) representing a UN member state, divided into three pairs, to debate separate resolutions. The third resolution is unprepared and will be handed out to delegations 30 minutes before debate in the Model Assembly commences. This new Rotary MUNA structure promotes teamwork and aims to be an enjoyable yet challenging experience for all participants.

The event will start at 8.30am and finish at 1:45pm and includes morning tea and lunch for students, teachers, parents, Rotarians and Rotaractors assisting with the event will be catered for.

How is the day structured?

Delegates should follow the event schedule (see table below) and the directions given by the Assembly President. The event will be timed to end as scheduled.

TIME	SESSION	DETAILS
8:30am - 9:00am	Before	Registration
9:00am – 9:15am	1	Flag parade and welcome to Model UN Assembly
9:15am – 9:20am	2	Address by Secretary-General
9:20am – 10:20am	3	Resolution 1 (Pair 1)
10:20am – 10:45am	4	Morning Tea
10:45am – 11:45am	5	Resolution 2 (Pair 2)
11:45am – 12:15pm	6	Preparation Time for Unprepared Resolution 3
12:15pm – 1:00pm	7	Unprepared Resolution 3 (Pair 3)
1:00pm – 1:15pm	8	Short Break
1:15pm – 1:30pm	9	Presentations and Close Model UN Assembly
1:30pm – 1:45pm	10	Lunch, mingle and depart

Will there be a flag parade?

Yes. This is a highlight of the Rotary-led MUNA. Delegations need to be at the venue by 8:30am for registration and to prepare for the flag parade. Flags are provided to the pair of delegates debating the first resolution. Other team members will be seated in the auditorium. Delegates will line up in alphabetical order of countries. Holding the flag, delegates walk onto the stage and present their flag to the Secretary General and Assembly President then take their seat in the assembly.

How do I register a delegation?

- The [online registration form](#) will open on **Monday 11th May 2026 at 9:00am** on our D9815 Youth Program MUNA webpage
- A supervising teacher must complete the form for students wanting to register for MUNA.
- Provide six student names to form a delegation, all contact details, the supervising teacher's name, and the school. The six students will represent their country for the entire event.
- Obtain consent from the school and parents/guardians.
- Include dietary restrictions and medical conditions in the registration information.
- Details about the sponsoring Rotary Club and contact person will also be needed. The sponsoring Rotary Club will cover the cost of a delegation, unless the school opts to pay.
- A confirmation email once registration is complete. Ensure correct email details are entered and check spam filters for emails.
- This year we are limited to eleven delegations consisting of six students representing 11 UN member states.

What role does the supervising teacher play?

- Each team requires a supervising teacher to support and guide student preparation for MUNA.
- This support includes assisting with research, public speaking/presentation skills, and organising travel logistics.
- MUNA communications will primarily go through the supervising teacher.
- For any MUNA-related questions, please email muna@rotary9815.org.au

When will delegations find out country allocations?

- **Registrations close on Monday 1st June 2026 at 5:00pm.**
- Countries will be randomly allocated online on **Tuesday 2nd June 2026 at 8:00pm.** Supervising teachers of registered delegations will receive a calendar invite with a Teams meeting link.
- MUNA committee members will oversee the random allocation of UN Member States (countries).
- After the draw results will be published on the District 9815 Youth Program [MUNA website](#).



What UN Member States (countries) will be represented at MUNA?

The following eleven UN Member States (countries) will be represented.

Australia	Nigeria
China	Russia
India	Türkiye
Indonesia	UK
Japan	USA
Kenya	

What resolutions (topics) will be debated?

Three resolutions addressing peace and security, environmental matters, as well as cultural, economic, and geopolitical concerns will be debated at MUNA.

The third resolution will be an **unprepared resolution.** Delegations (teams) will be given 30 minutes to develop their country's response to the resolution and Pair 3 will debate that resolution in the Model Assembly.

Delegations will not have access to electronic devices during preparation time or in the Model Assembly whilst the third resolution is debated.

Two of the three resolutions for Rotary MUNA 2026 will be issued as a separate document and can be accessed via the District 9815 Youth Program [MUNA website](#).



How are the Sponsor and Secunder, and For and Against resolutions decided?

Each resolution will have a Sponsor and a Secunder, and speakers will alternate 'for' and 'against' each resolution with time limits. Once countries are allocated, delegations need to decide which resolutions they may want to sponsor or second, and if they will vote for or against.

A poll will be conducted closer to the MUNA event to work out speaking orders for resolutions 1 & 2. The speaking order for the unprepared resolution 3 will be organised by the Secretary General prior to the debate commencing.

What is the time frame for the speaking order?

- Sponsor (4 mins)
- Secunder (3 mins)
- First Against (4 mins)
- All other countries (3 mins)
- First Against 'Right of Reply' (4 mins)
- Sponsor 'Right of Reply' (3 mins)

What are the key dates for Rotary MUNA?

Date	Information
Mon 11 th May	Registrations open at 9:00am on the District 9815 website
Mon 1 st June	Registrations close at 5:00pm
Tue 2 nd June	Allocation of countries at 8:00pm via online draw
Fri 25 th July	Sponsorship to be paid by Rotary Clubs or self-funded
Sat 1 st Aug	RCGs 6&7 (Area C) MUNA - St Paul's Anglican Grammar School, Warragul Campus
Sat 15 th Aug	RCGs 2&3 (Area A) MUNA - Lyndale Secondary College, Dandenong
Sat 22 nd Aug	RCGs 4&5 (Area B) MUNA – Lyndale Secondary College, Dandenong



How much does it cost?

MUNA is completely free for student participants as they will be sponsored by a Rotary club. The cost for sponsoring a delegation is **\$350.00 per team of six students**.

Will there be food?

Morning tea and lunch will be provided for each delegation and supervising teachers who have registered. Parents and Rotarians assisting with the event will also be catered for.

Dietary needs and food allergies must be clearly communicated on the registration form. Tea and coffee will be available.

Are there prizes?

Every student will receive a certificate and a lapel badge of the country they represented to acknowledge their participation in the Rotary MUNA.

The following prizes will be awarded:

Title	Prize	Adjudication
Best Delegation	Medallions for each student Certificates	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators
Best Delegation Runner-Up	Certificates	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators
Peace Prize	Medallions for each student Certificates	Decided by the Secretary-General, Assembly President, Adjudicators, and Diplomatic Couriers
Best Country Dress	Certificates	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators
Encouragement Award	Certificates	Decided by the MUNA adjudicators

What are the key 'Rules' of the Model UN Assembly?

1. That all delegates to the Assembly should faithfully represent the views and interests of their allocated country, rather than their own opinions.
2. That the rules of debate should, to the extent possible, ensure all delegations representing UN Member states, participate in each assembly session.
3. That in the interests of ensuring the maximum time possible for substantive debate, opportunities to influence the debate by procedural motions should be strictly limited.
4. The Assembly shall consist of three debating sessions, each lasting 60 minutes. One resolution is debated in each session.
5. Warnings are to be given 30 seconds before the expiry of speaking time for a four minute speech and 15 seconds for a three minute speech.
6. Speakers are to stand in their place to address the Assembly and are to address their remarks to the Secretary-General- for example "**Secretary-General, Australia wishes etc.**"
7. Resolutions for debate and the order in which they are to be debated will be decided by members of the MUNA committee.
8. **Diplomatic couriers** help deliver written notes to other delegations, providing a discreet method of communication during the Model Assembly. Notes are provided on each delegate's table. Delegates simply write their note and then raise their hand with the note. A diplomatic courier will collect it and deliver it to the intended delegation. All notes will be vetted by the diplomatic couriers.
9. **It is not possible to amend resolutions.** Delegates are encouraged to negotiate with each other to identify measures that could be adopted in the implementation of a resolution, or other inducements relevant to the resolution, that might encourage the support of other delegations for a particular position.

What is the expected general conduct in the Assembly?

The Model United Nations Assembly is a learning simulation designed to approximate the UN General Assembly. It is like a production in which delegates, and assigned officers, are actors following a script and directions. The MUNA script suggests delegates are not themselves, but ambassadors of the country they represent. It is not an opportunity for individual grandstanding, particularly where that might detract from the message you wish to transmit on behalf of your country. Show respect to fellow delegates and observe the **'Spirit of MUNA'**: act with dignity, decorum, and within the UN protocols.

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 allocated country's formal clothes befitting the event. If not wearing national dress, students can dress semi-formal with black and/or white as the main colours. No jeans or casual wear is permitted in the Assembly.

Does MUNA support cultural diversity and inclusion?

MUNA adheres to the Rotary International 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 9815 strives to create and maintain a safe environment for all youth participating in Rotary activities. Rotary has strong child safe policies and records attendance of all adult attendees (Rotarians, school personnel, visitors, family and interested community members). Rotary District policies are available on our website.

