



# 100% RESPECT

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## OUR VOICE

The 100% Respect Campaign is the AYCS national campaign. It is our tool to make sure YCS can be a voice for all secondary school students around Australia.

YCS is one of the few places where students get to speak for ourselves. We have to take this opportunity and speak powerfully. This newsletter is about giving you information on ways that you can take powerful collective and representative actions that show our commitment to a better world.

These actions will build on the actions you do in your local groups. National actions can never replace local ones, but when they are joined together: the local with the national and the international, we are all strengthened.

Our campaign has been going for a while now and we are moving into a new phase. We have been doing a good job at developing the idea of respect through resources we have created.



2008 National Executive presenting a 100% Respect statement to Bishop Hurley and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

Now its time to get out and use our voice in the wider community.

So take the ideas below, get out there and get active. They are two great ways that we can make a difference on *Body Image* and *the environment*.

But they both have to be done quickly so don't miss your chance and **NEVER UNDERESTIMATE THE STUDENTS!!!**

## CALL TO ACTION: BODY IMAGE CONSULTATION

The Australian Federal Government is trying to do something about negative Body Image problems.

The Minister for Youth, Kate Ellis is running an online consultation about what young people think should be done. The aim is to come up with a national strategy.

This is something that YCS people have wanted for years. So take this chance to get active and take part in the consultation. All you have to do is:

1. Go to the website: [www.youth.gov.au](http://www.youth.gov.au)
2. Find "Online Consultation on Body Image" and

click [Begin Online Consultation now](#)

3. Go through and give your answers and ideas. They will all go into making the Federal Strategy to stop negative body image.

**BUT this closes on 5th June, you've only got 48 hours. So HURRY!!!!**

And please forward this invite on to people, send them a myspace bulletin, get the word out any way you can cause this is a great simple action that everyone can do and it can change the Government's decisions.



"Not least of these are the menacing threats to God's creation itself through climate change. Perhaps more than ever before in our human history the fundamental relationship between Creator, Creation and Creature needs to be pondered and respected."

Pope Benedict XVI



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# POWER SHIFT:

## AUSTRALIA'S FIRST YOUTH CLIMATE SUMMIT

The Australian Youth Climate Coalition is an organisation run by young people to build a generation wide movement that unites different young people and organisations to solve Climate Change.

In July (11th—13th) they are running an event

called *Power Shift*. It will be Australia's first youth climate summit.

Over 3000 young people will come together in Parramatta to be inspired and empowered to take action that will change the future of our planet.

The Australian YCS is getting involved in *Power*

*Shift* as part of our 100% *Respect Campaign*.

If you're interested in this event there are two main ways you can get involved so check this out below.

To find out more about *Power Shift* go to:

[www.powershift.org.au](http://www.powershift.org.au)

## POWER SHIFT OPTION 1

The AYCS will send two students and one adult to Power Shift on behalf of our movement!

We'll pay for your travel and registration and organise accommodation for you.

We want to send people who have shown passion and commitment in this area.

So if you're interested in coming to Sydney to take some serious action then here's what to do:

1. Write an email explaining an action that you've taken about climate change or the environment. Tell us the situation, what you did, and what you discussed in

the judge section about why you would take that action.

2. Send it to Rachel Addy who's in charge of the 100% Respect Campaign at: [respect@aycs.org.au](mailto:respect@aycs.org.au) by **Wednesday 10th June**.

3. We'll get back to you about who's won the chance to go to this awesome event.

## POWER SHIFT OPTION 2

Get your school/parish/community to send a group!

Heaps of schools around Australia are sending people and you could make an even bigger impact by getting your group to do the same.

That way a whole team will get the passion and inspiration out of the summit.

If you're interested in this just contact Devett to get more information: [campaign@aycs.org.au](mailto:campaign@aycs.org.au) 0420 311 271.

If you are part of a school group your Principal will already have got a letter from us about *Power Shift* but its really important to talk to them yourself if this is something you want to see happen.