



YOUTH AMBASSADOR COUNCIL

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2025-26

WELCOME TO THE YOUTH AMBASSADOR COUNCIL

The Youth Ambassador Council is a group of 10 to 12 young men between the ages of 15-24. They meet four times a year to help shape the future of Top Blokes.

As a Council members you'll share real experiences and ideas on the big issues facing young men today. You'll help guide what Top Blokes does next and speak up for your mates and your community.

Everyone on the Council has been through a Top Blokes mentoring program and is ready to lead, challenge stereotypes, and be a voice for change.

INVOLVEMENT

YOUR VOICE MATTERS

You'll help shape the future of mental health and wellbeing for young men in Australia. You'll get involved in real actions that make a difference. Here's what that can look like:

- **Share your perspective:** Help shape new Top Blokes programs and ideas by sharing what really matters to you and your mates. Whether it's a new workshop or a big-picture plan, your voice counts.
- **Lead in your community:** Get involved in events at your school or in your local area. Step up, speak out, and show others what leadership looks like.
- **Speak up for young men:** Be the voice of your generation in powerful spaces. You might help Top Blokes develop government submissions on topics like youth crime, social media, porn, or consent, or you might meet MPs and decision-makers and share your views.
- **Represent in the media:** Help change the way society talks about young men by speaking to the media or local groups about the issues that matter.
- **Grow your skills:** At every Council meeting, you'll develop leadership and life skills that'll set you up for whatever's next.

LENGTH OF SERVICE

HOW LONG DO I SERVE ON THE COUNCIL?

Council members serve for one year. After that, you can reapply but you can't stay on the Council for more than two years. Positions are limited, so the application process is competitive. We'll look at your application and ask for feedback from your Top Blokes mentor to help us choose the right mix of voices for the year ahead.

THE COUNCIL

LOCATION

WHERE ARE MEETINGS HELD?

Meetings are held in person and on zoom. The Council includes young men from NSW and QLD, so:

- **State-based meetings** are held in person where possible
- **Online meetings** bring everyone together across both states

Once a year, the whole Council meets **in person** either in Brisbane or Sydney. If you're under 18 and travelling interstate, a parent or carer will need to come with you, and Top Blokes covers all travel costs.

From time to time, there might be extra meetings - online or in-person - depending on what's happening and what actions the Council needs to take.

EXPECTATIONS

WHAT'S EXPECTED OF ME?

We're looking for young men who live out the Top Blokes values - guys who care about making a difference and want to see other young men thrive.

If you join the Council, you'll need to:

- **Commit to one year** on the Council
- **Show up to four meetings** across the year (some in person, some on Zoom)
- Be ready to **speak up**, share ideas, and help lead change in your community

Most of all, we're after young men who want to be role models, challenge the status quo, and inspire others to live safer, healthier lives.

APPLICATION

I'M KEEN, WHAT'S NEXT?

Applications open at the start of Term 3 each year at www.topblokes.org.au/youthcouncil. You can choose to apply by writing your answers or filming a short video (just answer 4-5 simple questions). All applications are reviewed by the Top Blokes team, and your mentor will also give feedback based on your time in the program. If you're under 18, you'll need parent or carer permission - this is included in the online form. If you're selected, you'll be asked to read and sign our Code of Conduct, Confidentiality, and Media Agreement before you join.

YOUTH AMBASSADOR COUNCIL CODE OF CONDUCT

TOP BLOKES FOUNDATION RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Provide opportunities to support the social, personal and professional development of council members.
- Respect all members of the council and exercise appropriate conduct at all times – this includes respecting the rights, dignity and worth of each other regardless of ability, cultural background or religion.
- Provide cost of group transportation to/from events, activities and engagements and entry fees, food/drink for events, activity or engagement.
- Provide for safety and support welfare for the duration of the role.
- By law, staff are mandatory reporters and must report if they suspect a participant is at risk of significant harm.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES AS A MEMBER OF THE YOUTH AMBASSADOR COUNCIL:

- All information given in the application is accurate, including contact details, medical and dietary requirements
- Formally represent Top Blokes Foundation at public events, upholding the code of conduct
- Comply with all reasonable and legal instructions from Top Blokes staff
- Respect the ownership of the Foundation funds, equipment, supplies, records and property
- Respect your fellow council members and exercise appropriate conduct at all times – this includes respecting the rights, dignity and worth of each other regardless of ability, cultural background or religion. Bullying and discrimination will not be tolerated, in-person or online.
- Refrain from participating in any illegal activities during your time on the council, including violent or anti-social behaviour. This also includes sharing any illegal or non-consensual content online via internet/social media.
- Refrain from underage drinking, smoking or taking illicit drugs when representing Top Blokes Foundation
- Promote and conduct appropriate and positive social media use.
- Transport yourself to events or activities to a central meeting point, such as a train station, office building or to your high school
- Maintain an integral representation at public events and activities. Abide by the appropriate laws, rules, and guidelines respective to the environment when representing Top Blokes.

I.....as a member of the Youth Ambassador Council for Top Blokes,
I acknowledge that I have read and agree to comply with the above Code of Conduct. I accept that
any breach will carry consequences that may result in the termination of my role.

NAME: SIGNATURE:.....

DATE:

YOUTH AMBASSADOR COUNCIL CONFIDENTIALITY & MEDIA AGREEMENT

It is the responsibility of all council members to maintain the confidentiality and privacy of all other council members, staff, volunteers and organisational information to which they have access. This includes ensuring the security of (documents, files, computer data, photographs, technical data and other information) which is the property of Top Blokes Foundation.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I.....as a part of the Youth Ambassador Council agree that I will maintain at all times the confidentiality of all privileged or proprietary information to which I am exposed while serving on the council and after exiting the program, whether this information involves a client, a paid staff person or other person, or involves overall business of Top Blokes.

I agree that should I be uncertain about the appropriate use of confidential information, I am to discuss this with the program coordinator.

I grant permission for TOP BLOKES FOUNDATION to take and use images of (full name)..... I understand that such use includes the display, distribution, publication, transmission or otherwise use of photographs, images and/or videos taken for use in marketing, fundraising, programs and communications materials, campaigns and events at the discretion of Top Blokes Foundation.

Name: Signature:

Date:

For persons under 18 we require parental consent:

Parent or Guardian's printed name:

Parent or Guardian's signature:

Date:

Photo/media permission can be withdrawn at anytime by contacting gradclub@topblokes.org.au.

YOUTH AMBASSADOR COUNCIL CHECK LIST

HOW TO APPLY

Applications due by 15 August 2025.



Read Youth Ambassador Council Info Pack. Reach out to gradclub@topblokes.org.au if you have any questions.



Go to www.topblokes.org.au/youthcouncil and submit your written or video application. Parental/carers permission is required for applications from anyone under 18.

IF YOUR APPLICATION IS SUCCESSFUL



Read, agree to and sign the Youth Ambassador Code of Conduct.



Complete the Confidentialty and Media Agreement.



2025-2026 IMPORTANT DATES

Applications due: 15 August 2025

New Council members notified: 1 September 2025

Council meetings:

- 1st meeting - 27 September 2025
- 2nd meeting - 23 January 2026
- 3rd meeting - 6 April 2026
- 4th meeting - 6 July 2026

Dates are subject to change.

If you have any questions or would like to talk through your application then please email Keely or Nick at gradclub@topblokes.org.au.