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SMART TRANSFORMATION YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL (YAC) – NOMINATION FORM 2026

Smart Transformation, supported by BHP Mitsubishi Alliance (BMA), is offering positions on its Youth Advisory Council for the Moranbah and Dysart communities. Students selected as Youth Advisory Council members will participate in a number of activities across a twelve-month period.

The Youth Advisory Council is a vital part of the Smart Transformation Project. It gives young people a meaningful voice in shaping the future of Dysart and Moranbah as the region adapts to rapid economic, environmental and technological change. YAC members help guide community priorities, explore future education and employment pathways, and communicate what transformation means for local youth.

YAC OVERVIEW

- Vision:** Empowered young people shaping a future-ready Dysart and Moranbah.
- Key Purpose:** To represent the voice, aspirations and ideas of young people, strengthening the Smart Transformation Project by providing real-world insights, advising on skills and education pathways, and building youth understanding of emerging opportunities. Additionally, YAC feedback is given consideration in the development and implementation of BMA's education program and projects.
- Role:** The role of the Youth Advisory Council is to provide informed, youth-centred advice and acting as an important two-way communications pathway to members' peers and the broader community on the social, learning and workforce impacts of regional transformation, while helping to shape and communicate the Smart Transformation Community Roadmap.
- YAC Culture:** We work together with trust, respect and teamwork.
We listen openly, share our ideas, and represent our peers with honesty and fairness.
We grow our skills, our confidence and our understanding so we can help build a stronger future for our communities.

The Council is currently made up of two students from each year level 9 through 12 from each school. Councillors will be required to attend four single day meetings, to be held on weekends. Additionally, they will be invited to participate in other BMA activities, as the program develops.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must:

- Be enrolled full-time at either Moranbah State High School or Dysart State High School;
- Be entering Years 9, 10, 11 or 12 for the year nominated.
- Be available to participate in at least quarterly meetings, some requiring travel outside of Moranbah, on weekends.
- Be willing to consult with other students, have input to opportunities that will help future-proof the communities, and provide a youth voice and feedback on their experience throughout the program.

SELECTION CRITERIA

A selection criteria process, outlined below, is in place to ensure a transparent process is followed.

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1. The students selected should be representative of the schools' diversity and reflect a broad range of backgrounds, strengths and perspectives, with particular consideration for equitable access and participation.
2. Demonstrated interest or curiosity in future pathways (particularly STEM).
3. Have interest in increasing their leadership and communication potential.
4. Have a positive engagement with school life.
5. Acknowledge and agree to commitment to participating in all YAC activities.
6. Show an alignment with school values and DoE behaviour expectations.

A minimum of three Department of Education, IBC and Smart Transformation representatives are involved in the process of selecting the successful students and will include teacher endorsement.

In line with internal compliance requirements, BMA will be removed from the recruitment process of the YAC to ensure a fully transparent selection process is achieved without perceived conflicts of interest.

PROPOSED SCHEDULE 2026

Induction: Week 1 – March 2026

To be conducted at each school during lunch break or similar break period

Includes: Program overview, expectations, opportunities, support and delivery, Photos and T-shirts, measuring success and session on consultation and engagement techniques.

Term 1: YAC Meeting 1 – Sat 21 March 2026

Site visit to Goonyella

Term 2: YAC Meeting 2 - 3 day Brisbane Trip Thurs 14 to 1 Sat 6 May 2026

(Brisbane Multi site visit e.g. Advance Manufacturing Expo, Robotics and Advanced Manufacturing Centre etc)

Term 3: YAC Meeting 3 – Sat 25 July 2026

1 day site visits (CQ Rescue, RCOE)

Term 4: YAC Meeting 4 – Sat 12 Sept 2026

Skills Development, Consultation and Site Visit TBC

Wrap Up: Term 4

Conducted during school term 4 as a lunch meeting with students (Date to be determined by schools in conjunction with partners). Includes planning for future opportunities and support as an Alumni of YAC.



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NOTE: The following three pages of this application form are to be completed in full.

Photography Consent

During the course of participation in the YAC, photographs and recordings of you, may be taken and can be used for inclusion in a range of communications materials associated with Smart Transformation and BMA, but not limited to, company reports such as the Annual and Sustainability Reports, newsletters, brochures, PowerPoint presentations, websites and social media. These materials may be available in both printed and electronic formats and used for an indefinite amount of time, without geographical limitations. Please note that no fee or remuneration will be provided for your appearance in these materials. Where appropriate, Smart Transformation and BMA may disclose these materials to third parties assisting us in developing campaigns and communications materials.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date

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Youth Advisory Council Nominee

NAME:

DATE OF BIRTH:

SCHOOL:

YEAR LEVEL IN 2026:

EMAIL: (Dept of Ed)

(This will be used for program communication only)

SHIRT SIZE (Male – S to 5XL, Female – 8 to 24):

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

Parent/ Guardian Endorsement

I give my consent for to participate in the Youth Advisory Council, agree to the conditions of this release form and indemnify BMA and Smart Transformation against any claim under the release.

NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS (Hm/Work).....

CONTACT NUMBER: (Hm/Work).....

SIGNATURE:

DATE:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY THE NOMINEE

1. If selected as a YAC member, what do you hope to get out of this experience?

2. What has motivated you to apply for a YAC position? Why do you want to participate in the YAC?

3. If you were offered a YAC position, what are the key issues affecting youth in your town that you would like to bring to the attention of Smart Transformation?

This completed form must be returned by close of business on 16 February 2026 to admin@smarttransformation.com.au or directly to Nikita Fenton (Teacher DSHS) or Katie Taylor (Teacher MSHS) once school commences in 2026. If you have any questions, please contact Smart Transformation Facilitator at admin@smarttransformation.com.au.

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