

# Stevie chosen to represent

## MITCHELL PATERSON

ST Joseph's School year 11 student Stevie Turner was recently selected to represent South Australian high school students on this year's South Australian Student Representative Council (SA SRC).

A partnership between the Commissioner for Children and Young People and the Foundation for Young Australians, SA SRC is a body of 150 students in years 10, 11, and 12 from across the state, working together to create genuine, student-led change within their own communities. Stevie expressed her excitement about the opportunity.

"I have been assigned to collaborate with fellow peers on a campaign aimed at lowering the local government voting age, and am looking forward to working on this project during 2024."

She said SA SRC was about "giving a voice

to those who are told to act like an adult yet are treated like a child".

"All around Australia, we had teenagers being frustrated that all these changes were being made for them and yet they had no say," Stevie said.

"It struck me that there are all these other teenagers my age out there that are just as passionate about making a difference."

South Australian Commissioner for Children and Young People Helen Connolly said Stevie "demonstrated an aptitude for being an inclusive and respectable representative of other students at school and the wider community".

"Stevie Turner will play an important role in the creation and development of this program, and we will work alongside participants to ensure we create a space where students in South Australia can demonstrate their capacity for participation and active citizenship."



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