

CDP Intern Reflection

I was an aspiring 17 year old student in year 11, when I first started out as an intern at the Christian Democratic Party. Geopolitics has always been at the centre of my heart, and as an avid learner and researcher, I believed in taking a step further out of my comfort zone; that is getting involved with politics at the local level, in every form that I could. It all began with Young CDP. I approached Michelle Ryan, the Young CDP Convenor for more information on the internship position and its requirements. After signing a few agreements, I soon started out as the first intern at the party on the 10th of April early this year.

My journey as an intern for the last 4 months has provided me with such a remarkable opportunity to learn more about the mission of the Party itself, but most importantly its vital role in being a voice in the wilderness of mainstream politics, campaigning and promoting Godly kingdom based principles into the upper echelons of politics. Every week on a Friday afternoon, I would head off from school into CDP's main office in Parramatta and work on any given responsibilities. My duties involved learning and executing key office work skills, such as database research, document filings, folder bindings, article writings and last but not least, social media target adverts. In all this, my main objective was to further promote CDP's reach within the local community and beyond.

Being an intern, is also not only about fulfilling a starting role. During my time at the office, I built rapport with other working members of the Party, in particular I grew to become good friends with Michelle and Sharon, the Operations Manager. Michelle and Sharon were my two main mentors who provided me essential insights on getting started with ease at my role. It may seem daunting at times, being in an independent office working space of older adults, however it never felt lonely as I was always shown the kindness and given the ample support needed to succeed in my role.

To sum up, I highly recommend youngsters like me as well as those curious and passionate about politics to discover CDP, and consider becoming a supportive member. Check out its available internship program as well, and kickstart your journey in transforming politics into the right Godly path, one step at a time.