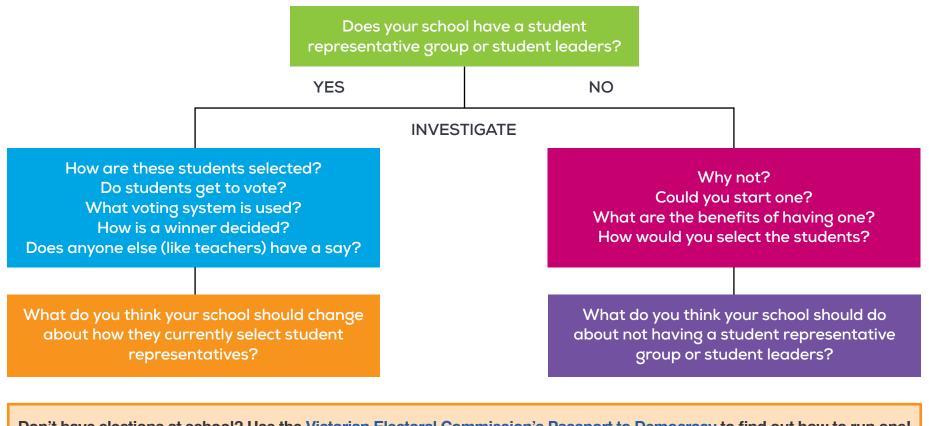
How democratic is your school? Do you get to vote for your leaders and representatives? If you have student leaders or a student representative group at your school, find out how they are chosen. Are they elected by the student body? What kind of democratic process is followed? Use the questions below to put together a proposal to give to your principal, school leadership team and teachers.



Don't have elections at school? Use the Victorian Electoral Commission's Passport to Democracy to find out how to run one!



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PROPOSAL TEMPLATE

What is your idea to change or improve democratic processes to represent students at school?

Why is your plan a good idea? (the benefits or advantages)

Think about why it is important for students to be represented AND to choose who they are represented by.

Why might people be opposed to your idea? What are some possible ways of addressing their concerns?

Conduct a whole class discussion to decide which idea the class supports and develop a plan of next steps. Present to your teacher the results of this discussion and your class plan to achieve the idea.