

Hold two mock elections – one using first-past-the-post voting and one using preferential voting. You could do your elections within your class, year level or whole school.

Not sure how to run an election? The [Victorian Electoral Commission](#) has a *Running an Election* resource and the [Australian Electoral Commission](#) has *Get Voting* to help run school elections, including a [ballot paper generator](#) for both first-past-the-post and preferential elections.

Once you have completed the elections, compare and analyse the results to decide which election style is the most appropriate for your school and why.

First-past-the-post election result:

Preferential election result:

What were the differences between the two results and why?

Which voting method is better for voters to vote based on their own values and priorities?

Which result better represents the diversity of your student body?

Did one election have more voters than the other? If so, why do you think this might have happened?

Most appropriate election method for your school and why:

If this isn't the election method your school currently uses, consider arranging a meeting with your principal, student representative group or even school council to suggest a change based on your research.