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## Federal Election '07

The Federal Election is now in full swing and the fight for leadership has begun. While Prime Minister John Howard is vying for an historic fifth term in office, this is Labor leader Kevin Rudd's first bid for the prime ministership.

During the six-week campaign both sides of government will do all they can to win the vote of the Australian public. Policies and promises for the future of Australia future will be unveiled ahead of the November 24 election date when the public go to the polls to decide who will govern the country.

EnhanceTV has a range of resources that will help to inform students about the election process and encourage students to develop an interest in politics. The feature article, [Understanding our political system](#), looks at the Australian Parliament, ministers, elections and compulsory voting. The [Sketchy Politics](#) feature article explores political cartooning and the [Federation study guide](#) partners the series about the struggle not just to make an Australian nation, but also to create Australian democracy. [The Prime Ministers' National Treasures study guide](#) accompanies the television series that reveals the emotional lives of Australian Prime Ministers.

[Behind the News](#) explains what pre-election polls are all about and asks, how are they done and are they reliable? [TTN](#) contains a story on the age of leaders and asks, what are the qualities needed to be a good leader? While this episode of [TTN](#) explores the election process, this episode of [TTN](#) investigates opinion polls.

[Difference of Opinion: Are You Being Served](#) examines leadership and asks what are Australians looking for in a leader? [Decadence: Democracy](#) asks whether we live in a democracy anymore, and [Human Contraptions: Government](#) takes an entertaining look at government. ([Study guide](#) available)

[Difference of Opinion: The Fed vs The States](#) looks at why the Howard government is over-riding the states and the current Federal structure. [Difference of Opinion: Who's the Fairest of Us All?](#) discusses the battleground of industrial relations policies. [Insight: Bennelong Votes](#) talks to the Prime Minister and his Labor opponent

Maxine McKew and finds out what Bennelong voters want from the major candidates. [Insight: Hard Yakka](#) addresses the issue that is the current battleground in the Federal Election: Industrial Relations.

[Insight: My Vote](#) brings young voters from Moreton face-to-face with their local candidates for an insight into who will win the Federal Election. [60 Minutes](#) presents the first major interview with Prime Minister John Howard and Opposition Leader, Kevin Rudd, since the announcement of the Federal Election. [The 7.30 Report](#) reports on the beginning of the 2007 election campaign and looks at election hotspots.

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