

<b>President</b>	
SANARA GALHENAGE	<p>Hey there!</p> <p>I am Sanara and thrilled to announce my running for President of the SSA. Throughout this past year, I have been Education officer of the SSU and Co-President of the Sri Lankan club where I prioritised ensuring that the student voice is heard by paving a path for increased student engagement across all students on campus. However, with the introduction of the new SSA, we have the potential to revamp the student experience here at Swinburne to reach greater heights.</p> <p>Together we can enact change. Once elected, we will continue to fight for better academic resources and opportunities for all students as well as ensuring better welfare services to aid students in these strenuous economic times. We won't stop there, we are dedicated to re-sparking campus life by hosting bigger events and better facilities on campus.</p> <p>Together, we've shared the highs and lows of leading a campus by representing students and ensuring our voice is at the forefront of the university.. Now, as we look ahead, I ask for your continued support by voting for me and the team.</p>
ALLYSSA GARDINER	<p>Swinburne students deserve representation that will fight for us.</p> <p>Students are under attack, as the cost of living increases, the quality of our education sinks. We need a student association that will fight for better. Our student representatives should fight for better education and better conditions for staff. They should fight for more support for students suffering increasing rent. I've been part of campaigns to demand more funding for welfare nationwide, and I think that's what student representatives should use their positions for.</p> <p>We need to representatives who will fight for the issues that we care about. That's why I've been organising protests for refugees, women's rights, queer rights, climate justice and justice in Palestine. This semester I organised the mass student vote for Palestine, where students voted to demand Swinburne cut ties with weapons companies and stand with Palestine. Student representation means putting up a fight against both government and university attacks on students and our conditions.</p> <p>We need a student association that tells students more is possible, and fights for it.</p>
<b>Vice President</b>	
LIAM KRUGER	<p>This year Swinburne students have the unique opportunity to elect representatives to the newly formed SSA. I believe that this new body should also come with a new direction for student representation at Swinburne. The Student Association should be a body that does far more than just services and events. Historically student unions have been activist and fighting bodies that represent their universities politically as well as providing services. Today especially, we need an SSA which advocates for action on the cost of living crisis, climate change and exorbitant university fees. The SSA should campaign against Swinburne's ties to the military and weapons industries, in support of our staff and organise against the genocide in Gaza. I have dedicated my time at university to fighting for social justice and better conditions for students. I helped organise the mass student meeting for Palestine and have worked tirelessly on campaigns for climate justice, refugee rights, and against the far right. If elected I would use the Vice President position to best represent the interests of students; both on the campus and in broader society.</p>
TESS ROBB	<p>Hello, I'm Tess Robb, a current student studying a double degree in Bachelor of Laws/Bachelor of Criminology and Criminal Justice. I am running for the Vice President of the SSA, with TOGETHER.</p> <p>I am currently the Welfare Office for the SSU, the chair, and SSL board director for the SRC. I have had the privilege and opportunity over the past three years to represent students on a number of matters. I have spent this year in my roles, supporting the foodbank program, stress-less Week, and Welfare on Wheels. With my experience, I promise to work to expand the food services we provide for students, in addition to establishing facilities on campus that ensure students feel safer, like the return of the community bus, and work hard to establish a culture on campus for all students.</p> <p>Overall, my hope is to transform your concerns, into actionable solutions, to make Swinburne a campus that is safe, inclusive, and one that you works for you.</p> <p>Vote [1] for TOGETHER for the Swinburne Student Association.</p>

<b>Student Director #2</b>	
MARINA FERNANDO	<p>Hi, My name is Marina Fernando, I am currently in my third year at Swinburne, studying a bachelor of engineering. I am nominating to be one of your next student directors for the SSA, with TOGETHER. I truly believe together we can support better services for students.</p> <p>When I am not advocating and supporting students through being the current SSL international director which I have held for the past year or ensuring equality, and the best experience for students through being the treasurer for WISTEM. I am enjoying some arts and crafts or binge-watching a good show.</p> <p>If you entrust me to give me the privilege of your vote I promise to also work in the best interest of Swinburne students at the board level, and push for better, cheaper, more accessible travel programs within the association. As I know, services like these for students build more pressure on them especially when your family isn't around which is the case for most students, both international and domestic.</p> <p>Vote [1] TOGETHER We are Experienced. We are Diverse. We are Progressive. We are Together.</p>
OSCAR LIU	<p>As a passionate and experienced person in various leadership positions and projects spanning many years, I'm all about giving a voice to everyone around me by representing those in my local community and organisations and fostering positive change with those people to give them the chance to have their say in what they'd like to see implemented into the organisations or groups they're in. I'm two years into studying a Double degree of Aviation Management/Business and am currently President of the Swinburne Aviation Society in conjunction with being a Student Ambassador. My studies along with these extra positions have enabled me already to connect to our own Swinburne community and reach out to schools around Melbourne to give them all a voice and passion for various areas of university life, I endeavour and hope to extend this if elected as a SSA Student Director. I also hold other positions of office at Holy Trinity Kew, Trinity Grammar School, Kew, Ruyton Girls' School, the Kew Philharmonic Society, and the Sovereign Order of St. John, Knights Hospitaller. You'll find more of my experience, passion and achievements in Faith, Outreach, Ministry, Performing Arts, Transport, and Administration/Compliance through my website and socials here: <a href="https://www.oscarliu.com.au">https://www.oscarliu.com.au</a>.</p>
<b>Student Director #3</b>	
ADNAN JABBAR	<p>Dear fellow students,</p> <p>My name is Adnan, and I am a third-year engineering student at Swinburne University. I am excited to announce my candidacy for Student Director of the Swinburne Student Association. My primary goal is to transform the Association into a more student-friendly organization that genuinely prioritizes the betterment of every student on campus.</p> <p>If elected, I aim to:</p> <p>Enhance Student Services: Advocate for improved student support systems, ensuring resources are accessible and beneficial to all. Foster Inclusivity: Promote a more inclusive campus by organizing events and initiatives that cater to our diverse community. Improve Communication: Bridge the gap between the Student Association and the student body, making it easier for your voices to be heard. Collaborate for Better Facilities: Work with university administration to address issues related to campus facilities, academic support, and overall student welfare.</p> <p>I believe that with your support, we can create a Student Association that not only represents us but also actively works to enhance our university experience. Let's work together to make Swinburne a place where every student feels valued, heard, and empowered.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Adnan</p>

<p>DANIELLE GOH</p>	<p>Hey everyone! My name is Danielle Goh, and I am nominating to be one of your next student directors of the SSA. I am currently in my second year at Swinburne, studying a Bachelors of Arts majoring in Perspectives on Globalisations. As the International Representative of SSU and Events Director of the Malaysian club, you may have seen me around campus!</p> <p>With aspirations to become a social worker, I want to dedicate my life to serving the communities around me—which I’ve done before but would be honoured to continue doing as Student Director. In high school, I was a part of the student council for a number of years and active in various clubs. I have experience championing for student welfare and advocating for student needs.</p> <p>During my time at Swinburne, I want to be part of the reason why Swinburne is a safe and inclusive space for people of all cultures, religions, and genders. I want to create an environment that protects the welfare of all students. I want to help create a lively campus culture, and I want to do it Together.</p> <p>Vote for me, Together we can all make Swinburne a safer, more inclusive place for everyone.</p>
<p>JOHNNY GERDES</p>	<p>Hi, I’m Johnny and I’m running for one of the Student Director positions to fight for student conditions and social justice!</p> <p>The Swinburne Student Association is going to need to take an activist stance to defend student, social, and political rights of all of us at Swinburne. I’ve been involved in campaigns for Palestine, including the Hawthorn campus vote for Palestine, as well as fighting to stop our university from shutting down a childcare centre, fighting to get refugees permanent visas, and protesting in support of Bangladesh’s students when they were fighting against discrimination and dictatorship.</p> <p>Our university is being run more and more like a business, not for us students. We need free education for international and domestic students, better access to housing, and better payments from the government and placement programs. We also need to fight for progressive causes like stopping the war on Gaza and supporting students fighting for their rights from New York to Dhaka!</p> <p>Vote [1] for myself to build a student union that fights for students.</p>
<p>JASPER GRIFFETT</p>	<p>As a Student Director, I aim to ensure that all forms of student-led initiatives receive the support of Swinburne, encouraging students to raise questions about the Swinburne Student Association so that we can answer your questions, and improve our leadership.</p> <p>Transparency within Student Leadership is vital for the growing trust between the SSA and you, the students, and as such if elected I will strive to ensure that all forms of Student Leadership, from the President of the SSA to the Events co-ordinator of your favourite club here, all practice open communication with their members.</p> <p>Furthermore, I will establish a cooperative and reflective environment within Student Leadership, hearing your concerns and acting upon them, whilst keeping you informed of the actions and decisions taken.</p> <p>With a long history of Leadership within SSL clubs, I am aware of the immense social impact they have on this campus alone, and the outstanding work the volunteer leaders accomplish. As such, I will ensure that these clubs, and their volunteer leaders, will receive the support they desire from the SSA, and ensure that they not only continue the great work they have done but continue to thrive under the SSA.</p>

Student Director #4	
<p>William Roumeliotis</p>	<p>Hi, I'm Will. I'm running for Student Director because I believe that the Student Association should fight for all students. We're going through a tough cost of living crisis: rent has skyrocketed, food prices are increasing and petrol is barely affordable. The Association should help students by fighting for free education for all, making all placements paid and slashing rents for student accommodation. We need activists elected to turn the Association into a real fighting force, to push back against the corporate university and to take up all social justice issues.</p> <p>I helped organised the massive Student General Meeting for Palestine that saw students vote for Swinburne to cut ties with weapons companies. I've been involved in organising the Sunday rallies for Palestine, to kick Nazis off our streets and against climate change. If elected, I'll continue the fight against Swinburne's ties to weapons companies, and I'll fight to cut our Vice-Chancellor's absurd salary of over \$1 million - money that should be put towards our staff and better quality education.</p>
<p>ARNAV WALI</p>	<p>Hey there! My name is Arnav Wali but people usually just call me Nav and I am thrilled to be running for the role of Director. I am a third-year student here in Swinburne and throughout my time at Swinburne, I've been actively involved in shaping a better student experience, from my role as a communication officer for SSU to collaborating on various projects with student clubs and initiatives. I've had the opportunity to work closely with my peers in the student union, mending and maintaining the connection between students and the administration, ensuring that our voices are heard, and our needs are met.</p> <p>In the past year, I've worked on multiple student-led campaigns, creating spaces for students to grow, engage, and thrive. With the formation of the new Swinburne Student Association, we have an incredible opportunity to enhance our university experience like never before. More 24/7 study spaces, flexible study plans, recreational spaces, environmental responsibility and technological innovation are a few of the many things that we are working on.</p> <p>Over the years, I've advocated for student welfare and student voice. Now, I ask for your support to continue that work, to ensure that every student gets the opportunity and experience they deserve on our campus. Together, we are capable of achieving amazing things!</p> <p>VOTE [1] TOGETHER, so that TOGETHER we can make our voices heard and walk towards a better campus life.</p>

National Union of Students Delegates	
WILL ROUMELIOTIS	<p>The National Union of Students represents students across the country - but lots of people don't know what it is! I want the Social Justice team to get elected to represent Swinburne students in the National Union to make it more relevant to students' lives by making the union fight for students' interests and take positions on social justice issues. Our union should fight for free education for all students, demand action on the cost of living, and oppose our universities' ties to weapons companies. Vote [1] Social Justice for the National Union of Students.</p>
JAMES GALLAGHER	<p>I'm running to be Swinburne's representative in the National Union of Students because I think the NUS could play more of a role in fighting for free education and better welfare for students, taking action on the climate crisis, and standing with Palestine. But to do this we need more representatives who aren't associated with the major parties. Vote [1] for Social Justice for the National Union of Students to help us build a national union that fights for students!</p>
JOHNNY GERDES	<p>Hi, I'm Johnny and I'm running for the National Union of Students. The National Union of Students could be a body that could really make change for students across Australia, but only if it becomes more activist oriented.</p> <p>I've seen NUS fight against the rising cost of education, against transphobia, and against weapons companies. With an activist NUS we could keep these kinds of necessary campaigns going and push them further.</p> <p>I've built the nationwide student strikes for Palestine, protested the Land Forces convention and police brutality, and have long been involved in climate, anti-racist, and pro-abortion protests.</p> <p>Vote [1] Social Justice for NUS for a national student union that fights for students!</p>
ZOE LYLE	<p>I'm Zoe and I'm running for NUS because it should be a left-wing, activist body that fights for the rights of students and against the myriad of injustices facing young people today.</p> <p>Course fees have been increasing, affordable housing is hard to find, the NDIS budget has been slashed, the climate continues to be destroyed in the name of corporate profits, the far right is on the rise, and we are witnessing a horrific genocide in Palestine.</p> <p>Now more than ever, we need radical student activists, not just in the SSA, but in the National Union of Students too. Left-wing activists have organised school strikes and mass votes for Palestine, fought against transphobic bigots like Posie Parker, organised campaigns against neo-nazis in Melbourne, fought against the Americanisation of higher education and stood with staff when they go on strike!</p> <p>Vote [1] for Social Justice for NUS.</p>
ALLYSSA GARDINER	<p>The National Union of Students can do more for students and the issues we care about. But to do that it needs students in it with an attitude that we should fight for more, not accept less and less. We shouldn't accept the ongoing attacks on our quality of education, or on the cost of living. We also shouldn't accept our governments attacks on refugees, the planet or it's support for the genocide in Palestine. Like student unions have in the past, the NUS can fight all of these issues and demand more. I've been involved in the national fight for Palestine and brought that fight to our campus, bringing light to Swinburne's ties to weapons companies.</p> <p>We need activists in the NUS who are ready to fight for the issues we care about. Far right politics are growing, and the NUS can and should put up a fight against the spread of these politics. Last year activists in the NUS called protests against Nazis who were attacking refugees and trans people. This is what our NUS should do more of.</p> <p>Vote [1] Social Justice for a national union that will put up a fight.</p>
LIAM KRUGER	<p>It is through the National Union of Students that we can have our say on Australian politics. But for it to play a positive role in which it fights for and builds campaigns to benefit students, serious left-wing activists need to be elected as delegates. Today especially, we need an NUS which advocates for action on the cost of living crisis, climate change and exorbitant university fees. The NUS should campaign against university ties to the military and weapons industries, in support of our staff across the country and organise against the genocide in Gaza. I have dedicated my time at university to fighting for social justice and better conditions for students. I</p>

	<p>helped organise the mass student meeting for Palestine and have worked tirelessly on campaigns for climate justice, refugee rights, and against the far right. If you agree then vote [1] for Social Justice for National Union of Students delegate.</p>
<p>ADA PASCOE</p>	<p>The National Union of Students should have something to say about the appalling conditions students face today. My vision for the National Union of Students is a union that is not afraid to combat the Australian government on the housing crisis, free education, and the other issues young people care about.</p> <p>As a student, I have been involved in activism around Melbourne. I organised in the Campaign Against Racism and Fascism to kick Nazis out of the Western suburbs of Melbourne, I have organised pickets against weapons factories in support of Palestine, I have gone on strike for the climate and Palestine, I have organised some of the weekly demonstrations in solidarity with refugees demanding permanent protection outside the Home Affairs Office, and much more.</p> <p>To the National Union of Students, I will bring my passion and capacity for organising mass demonstrations against the status quo. I don't believe we should be grovelling at the feet of the Australian government for tiny concessions. Students are the future of the Australian workforce; we should have a bit of dignity and demand more from the government.</p> <p>Vote [1] Social Justice for the National Union of Students.</p>
<p>KISHAUN ALOYSIUS</p>	<p>Hi, I'm Kishaun, and I'm thrilled to run for NUS Delegate with the TOGETHER team. Over the last few years as President of Swinburne Student Union and as a biomed Honours student, I've passionately fought for the rights of students and delivered significant results. I spearheaded the merger of SSU, SRC, and SSL to create the more powerful SSA, reinstated the 24-hour Latelab, and successfully advocated for fee extensions for international students.</p> <p>As the best candidate, I bring unparalleled dedication, passion, and experience that will significantly ensure our student bodies success.</p> <p>With three years of experience as an NUS Delegate, I know what it takes to ensure Swinburne's voice is heard on the national stage. I've worked with senior university officials to improve educational standards, win GPA amnesties, and provide essential services like foodbanks and advocacy for students in need.</p> <p>My commitment has always been about creating lasting change that benefits all students. Now, I'm ready to take this work further, pushing for more reforms, improved student services, and greater advocacy at the national level. With my experience, leadership, and results-driven approach, I'm ready to hit the ground running.</p> <p>For trusted, experienced, and strong representation, vote [1] for TOGETHER!</p>

Education Lead	
<p>JAMES GALLAGHER</p>	<p>Education should be a human right, and an experience that enlightens students and prepares us to make the world a better place. But in Australia universities are run more and more like businesses, with overpaid Vice Chancellors, underpaid staff, and students churned through assignments like a degree factory. On top of this, international students are treated terribly - charged massive sums to study here, with expensive accommodation and visas that restrict their rights.</p> <p>I believe in free, quality, fully-funded education for all students. This existed in Australia decades ago and exists in some parts of the world today. There's no reason we can't have it here - except for the priorities of our politicians and the actions of university leaders.</p> <p>We need more people in the Swinburne Student Association that believe in free education for all and want to fight for it. In the meantime, we need activists who will fight against Swinburne management to make sure education quality doesn't decline and fees don't go up.</p> <p>If you believe in free education for all, then vote [1] for Social Justice!</p>
<p>MIDURSAN GOPALAKRISHNAN</p>	<p>Hi Everyone!</p> <p>My name is Midursan Gopalakrishnan, I am in my second year, undertaking my Bachelor of Computer Science and I am nominating to be your next education officer in the SSA with TOGETHER.</p> <p>During my time at Swinburne, I have been a general director of the Swinburne Sri Lankan Student Association, a Member of the advisory board for the Swinburne Tamil Club, and Treasurer for the Swinburne Tennis Association. During these roles, I have had the opportunity to work directly with students for students, to ensure that their overall University experience was the best it could be.</p> <p>With the current cost of living crisis, I will fight to enhance accessibility and affordable study resources for all students at Swinburne. I look to enhance the ability to obtain lab resources, textbooks, and cheap study materials, while also implementing a new platform where you can rent or borrow the materials you require.</p> <p>If you want more access to your education, and someone who will fight for you no matter what.</p> <p>Vote for [1] TOGETHER, because YOUR stories matter. We are Experienced. We are Diverse. We are Progressive. We are Together.</p>
Welfare Lead	
<p>JAYNAYA TRAVIS</p>	<p>Hi, I'm Jaynaya and I'm running for Welfare Lead because the student association should be an activist body that takes up political issues affecting students. Students don't just exist in a bubble when they go to university: more and more of us have to juggle jobs to be able to afford our studies. The welfare rate for students in Australia is too low, and many students are unable to access it at all. Meanwhile housing prices are skyrocketing in both campus accommodation and the private rental market.</p> <p>I've been a part of many campaigns for social justice, such as kicking weapons companies off campus and fighting to raise the dismally low jobseeker and youth allowance payments to above the poverty level, instead of the billions of dollars the government spends on warfare.</p> <p>Students deserve to have a student association that fights for them. Vote [1] Social Justice for a left-wing, activist student association!</p>
<p>SANDALI GIRISH</p>	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I'm Sandali Girish, and I'm excited to be running for Welfare Officer in the SSA elections! As a second-year Bachelor of Psychology (Honours) student with a co-major in Neuroscience, I've developed a passion for mental health and well-being. My goal is simple: to create an environment where every student feels supported, heard, and, most importantly, never alone.</p>

	<p>Over the years, I've been deeply involved in our student community, not only as the Undergraduate Representative for the School of Health Sciences (SoHS) and a Student Ambassador, but also as the Secretary of the Indian Dance Club and Social Media Manager for the Swinburne Punjabi Club. From organising events to boosting student engagement, I've had the joy of bringing people together and creating supportive spaces, whether it's through cultural events or just lively conversations.</p> <p>I'm running for Welfare Officer to champion the voices of all students—because you deserve to be seen, valued, and supported. My platform includes making Swinburne Sunflower-associated, bringing back the Safer Communities Night Bus, and expanding emergency accommodation options.</p> <p>VOTE [1] TOGETHER for a more inclusive, compassionate, and safer Swinburne! We are Experienced. We are Diverse. We are Progressive. We are Together.</p>
<b>Cultural &amp; Faith Representative</b>	
<p>HAIQA TARIQ</p>	<p>Hi I'm Haiqa. I'm an international student from Pakistan and I'm running for Cultural and Faith representative.</p> <p>I'm running because I want to see the Swinburne Student Association stand with Palestine. Tens of thousands of people have been killed in Gaza, and hospitals and universities have been reduced to rubble. Many children, young people and students have had their lives destroyed. Students at Swinburne should do more to stand with them, especially considering our university has ties to weapons companies.</p> <p>I've been part of the Students for Palestine campaign on campus, and I helped to organise the vote for Palestine a few weeks ago.</p> <p>Vote [1] for Social Justice to make the Swinburne Student Association stands with Palestine!</p>
<p>CALLUM TIMOTHY WILKES</p>	<p>I believe that Politics should be separate from Religion. The role of the Cultural and Religious Representative should be to represent the Cultural and Religious ideals of the students at Swinburne. I know that this cannot be done in an unbiased manner if politics is involved. I am an independent candidate who isn't and has never been affiliated with the political parties and groups at Swinburne. Instead, I am a religious man who has been involved in serving my church community and the wider community for many years. I believe this is the position that a representative should be in, a representative should come from the people they are representing and should represent them in an unbiased way.</p> <p>I am committed to representing all the students at Swinburne and to do so I will meet with the Religious and Culture clubs at Swinburne repeatedly throughout my term to find out what is important to them, so that I can take these views to the Swinburne Student Council, and to the Swinburne Welfare Action Panel.</p> <p>Vote Callum Timothy Wilkes for Cultural and Religious Representative for a politically unbiased Representative</p>
<p>RESHAB SRINIVASAN</p>	<p>Hello everyone!</p> <p>I am Reshab, and I am excited to announce my candidacy for the Cultural and Faith Representative position under the Swinburne Welfare Action Panel. I have been an active member of the Advisory Board of Swinburne Tamil Club, contributing to several cultural events to enhance student well-being and engagement. I have always embraced Swinburne's vibrant multicultural environment, and I am eager to contribute further to this.</p> <p>With the SSA in place, I am determined to ensure that cultural and faith-related concerns and events are effectively addressed and guided in the right direction in the coming year. I am committed to representing our diverse student body and fostering a sense of unity and belonging.</p> <p>Change is a collective effort, and we can make it happen together. If elected, I will work tirelessly to expand welfare services and promote the overall well-being of our student community. By fostering a truly inclusive multicultural environment, we can look forward to more enriching cultural events, more robust support systems, and improved campus facilities.</p>



	<p>Thank you for your time and support!</p> <p>Cheers, Reshab</p>
<b>Womens' Representative</b>	
<p>ADA PASCOE</p>	<p>Each year, I attend the International Working Women's Day march, which is a day that was begun by socialist women in 1911 to encourage ourselves to take the struggle against sexism into our own hands. Today, over 100 years later, sexism persists. The gender pay gap isn't closing, domestic violence is through the roof, and far-right anti-abortion politics is on the rise. Things are only going backward for women in the 21st century. This is happening in a time when there are more women in power than ever before. Clearly the problem is in the system, that's why I'm an anti-capitalist activist.</p> <p>I will fight against sexism, and against capitalism as the Women's Representative on the council. In 2022, I attended the rally of over 14,000 people to demand the extension of abortion rights and stand in solidarity with the millions of women in the US whose lives have changed after right wing judges in the Supreme Court stripped women of their bodily freedom.</p> <p>Women's rep on council should be an activist position that fights to improve the conditions of women in society and against right wing politics.</p>
<p>RIANNE BRAGAGNOLO</p>	<p>Hey Everyone!</p> <p>I am excited to announce that I am running to be your next Women's Officer. I am passionate about creating inclusive environments and building a platform with accessible resources for students including free menstrual products in all bathrooms on campus. I have spent the past two years at Swinburne supporting students, through different volunteering positions so that I can help students where it matters the most.</p> <p>My vision for the initiatives I will be pushing when elected as your Womens' Representative is to enhance events for the women's collective, encourage more funding to support the women's room so it can be a safe space for all women-identifying Swinburne students, and enhancing the emergency hotline regarding sexual harassment services through Swinburne University. No one deserves to feel unsafe at the University and I will work every day to advocate for this!</p> <p>Whether it's tackling issues of safety, advocating for equal opportunities, or amplifying women's voices in leadership, I am determined to break down the barriers that women encounter. We envision a campus where every woman can not only succeed but thrive.</p> <p>Vote [1] TOGETHER We are Experienced. We are Diverse. We are Progressive. We are Together.</p>
<p>ISABELLE YI RYU CHAN</p>	<p>Hi everyone, I'm Isabelle, and I'm truly grateful for the opportunity to run for the Women's Representative position. I am passionate about creating a university environment where every woman at Swinburne feels seen, valued, and respected. My vision is to contribute to building a community where all women are empowered, and where we cultivate a safe, open, and inclusive space.</p> <p>As your Women's Representative, I uphold a commitment to serve as a first point of contact for any concerns related to gender equality, discrimination, sexual harassment, or conflicts within the university. I firmly believe that every individual deserves unwavering support, and I am committed to ensuring that all voices are heard and addressed with the utmost respect. My dedication to advancing gender equity involves working diligently to ensure women are equally represented in leadership roles and academic positions across our community. This commitment is vital for creating a balanced and inclusive environment that reflects our rich diversity. I will actively encourage the participation of women students in all levels of university governance, from committees to councils, and set clear objectives to boost women's representation.</p> <p>Together, let us build a university where everyone feels empowered and respected, and where our collective efforts foster a truly equitable academic community.</p>

	Thank you & kind regards, Isabelle
<b>International Representative</b>	
RAHAT ALAM	<p>Hi I'm Rahat. I'm an international student from Bangladesh and I'm running for International Representative.</p> <p>I know what students can win when they stand up and fight for a better world - earlier this year when I was in Bangladesh I participated in the student protests that brought down the dictator Hasina.</p> <p>I'm running with Social Justice because we stand with students in Bangladesh, and we want to see students in Australia fight for more democracy and better housing, welfare and education. International students in Australia are treated poorly. The fees we pay for education are way too high, and we have less rights than domestic students. I want to fight for lower fees and more support from the government. I believe that education is a right, not something to make money out of - and anyone should be allowed to come to Australia to study regardless of how much they can pay.</p> <p>Vote [1] for Social Justice if you stand with the students in Bangladesh and want to fight for a better deal for international students at Swinburne.</p>
QUOC HOANG LE	<p>Hi Everyone!</p> <p>My name is Le Hoang and I am a master's student from Vietnam. I have had the privilege of representing postgraduate students this past year within the SSU.</p> <p>I am deeply committed to continuing the fight for international students as someone who has experienced very similar hurdles unique to the international student community., If chosen to be your next elected International officer, I promise to push for enhanced visa support services, generate more International student industry nights, and fight for more paid placement opportunities for international students. The road for international students is tough, to adapt to a new country while also balancing studies and work commitments.</p> <p>Alongside a passionate and experienced team, I will work to ensure that every student feels supported when navigating academic challenges, adjusting to life in a new country, or seeking opportunities for growth. I understand the additional hurdles international students face, and I am determined to address these concerns, providing you with the resources and advocacy needed to thrive both inside and outside the classroom. Together, we can make this happen</p> <p>Vote for [1] TOGETHER. We are Experienced. We are Diverse. We are Progressive. We are Together</p>
<b>Activities Representative</b>	
DOUGLAS MASSEY	<p>Hi I'm Doug and I'm running for Activities representative in the Swinburne Student Association. Students need more than barbecues from their student representatives - the SSA should organise events that involve students in the big issues on campus.</p> <p>I'm running because I think the Swinburne Student Association could do more to involve students in demanding better education and better student services.</p> <p>The Student Association should also adopt the pro-Palestine and anti-weapons positions students voted for in the Student General Meeting, or hold its own vote where students can have their say on their student union's policy.</p> <p>I also want to make it easier for students and clubs to hold their own events on campus - there's too many hoops to jump through currently.</p> <p>Vote [1] Social Justice for a Student Association that represents students' interests.</p>
AMIT AALOK	<p>Hello, my name is Amit, and I'm a 4th-year Computer Science student running to be your next Activities Officer for the SSA with TOGETHER. My goal is simple: to make events happen that students want to go to and that make student life at Swinburne more vibrant.</p> <p>I've experienced firsthand how impactful well-organised events can be in creating a real sense of community and belonging. If elected, I'll work tirelessly to bring a fresh mix of social</p>

	<p>events, career workshops, and interactive competitions that cater to everyone’s interests. Whether you want to make new friends, learn something new, or just have a great time, I’m here to make that happen.</p> <p>Vote [1] for TOGETHER for Activities Officer. We are Experienced. We are Diverse. We are Progressive. We are Together.</p>
<b>Swinburne Online Representative</b>	
<p>LACHLAN DUNCAN</p>	<p>Hello, my name is Lachlan Duncan and I’m a current student studying a Diploma of Justice online. I am running to be Swinburne Online Representative on the SSA, with TOGETHER.</p> <p>As an online student, I understand that our needs are different from students who study on campus and that we need a voice to ensure these needs are met. I aim to be your voice in the new SSA and I am committed to enhancing the online experience for all students. I will ensure that each online student feels heard and supported while they are studying at Swinburne. Vote [1] for TOGETHER for the Swinburne Student Association. We are Experienced. We are Diverse. We are Progressive. We are Together.</p>
<b>Queer Representative</b>	
<p>ZOE LYLE</p>	<p>I'm Zoe and I'm running for queer rep because our Student Association should be a left-wing, activist body that fights for queer rights.</p> <p>The rise of the far-right is pushing back the rights of the oppressed everywhere. Society is only getting more transphobic, more racist and more sexist. We must fight back because history tells us that our rights have only ever been won through radical action.</p> <p>Myself and other candidates for Social Justice were part of organising and attending the protests against transphobe and far-right campaigner Posie Parker when she attempted to spread her bigotry in Melbourne last year. By mobilising hundreds of people, we were able to drive Posie Parker OUT of Melbourne, defeating her and exposing her ties to Nazis! I have also been involved in protesting against attempts to allow healthcare providers and schools to discriminate against LGBTQI+ people.</p> <p>Student unions have always played an important role in fighting for queer rights, from campaigns to stop the persecution of LGBTQI+ students, all the way through to marriage equality. Vote [1] Social Justice for a Student Association that organises to fight for our rights!</p>
<p>PIMMADA LALITRUNGROAT</p>	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I’m Pimmada Lalitrungroat and I am excited to nominate myself for the position of Queer Representative in the upcoming SSA election.</p> <p>As someone who is deeply passionate about advocating for the LGBTQIA+ community, I believe we need strong, inclusive, and compassionate leadership to represent and support all of us. Growing up, I understood what it felt like to navigate a world that didn't always feel welcoming, as well as how confusing it could be to find your place and feel accepted for who you truly are. This experience drives me to ensure that our community is a safe space where everyone can express their authentic selves without fear of judgement or exclusion.</p> <p>I envision a year with bigger and better events, while also revamping the queer space with more snacks, games and resources for students to have a safe and welcoming environment. Additionally, I want to fight for more support services for the queer community to access at any point in time.</p> <p>I believe that TOGETHER, we can create a space where every queer person feels empowered. With your support, we can make this happen!</p> <p>Vote for [1] TOGETHER, because YOUR stories matter. We are Experienced. We are Diverse. We are Progressive. We are Together.</p>