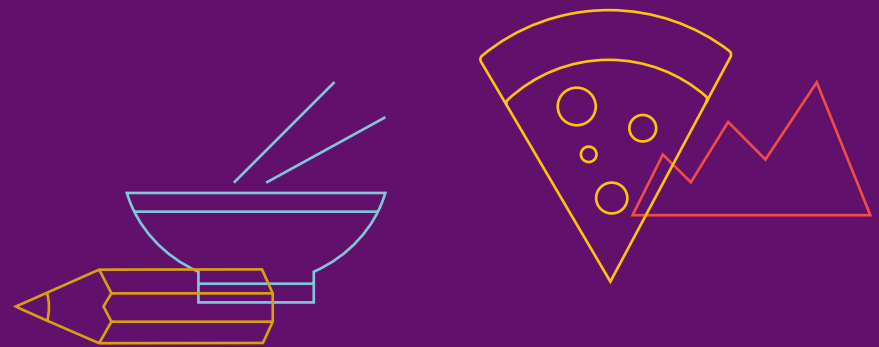
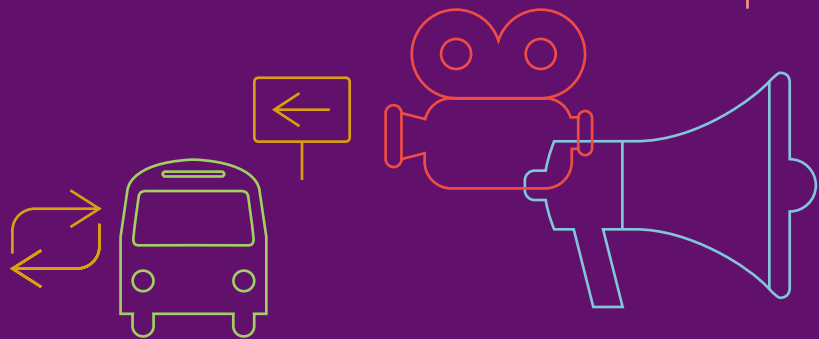
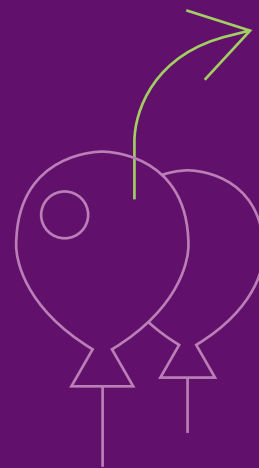
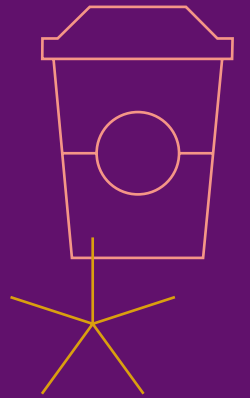




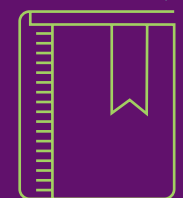
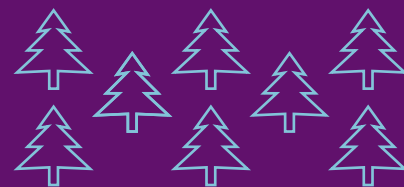
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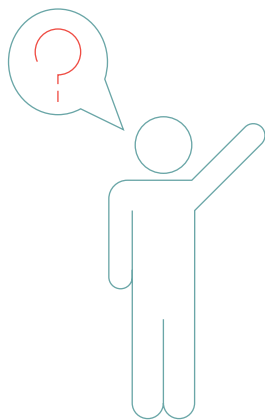
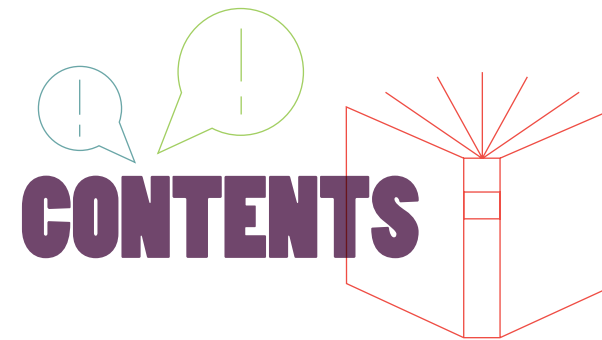
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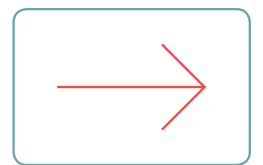
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## Meeting people at uni is too easy, especially when there's UMSU.

Put yourself out there and you'll meet so many people you won't be able to keep track (WHAT DO I DO WITH ALL THESE FRIENDS?) These people might end up as your mentors, soulmates, future business partners, colleagues, travel buddies, housemates or best friends.

Make sure you:

- ❑ Join a club
- ❑ Attend SoUP (Start of Uni Party)
- ❑ Be part of a collective
- ❑ Audition for a theatre show
- ❑ Contribute to *Farrago* student magazine
- ❑ Host on the student radio station The Fodder
- ❑ Volunteer
- ❑ Be part of MudFest, our biennial arts festival
- ❑ Attend a free Comedy Night
- ❑ Eat a Welfare department free breakfast
- ❑ Listen to a free band, with a free beer and snag
- ❑ Have Lunch with the Queer Bunch
- ❑ Join Crafternoon in the Wom\*n's Room
- ❑ Sign up for the UMSU Mentoring Network
- ❑ Pat puppies at Stress Less Week

How good is uni eh?



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# MEET YOUR STUDENT REPS



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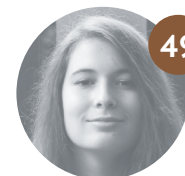
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# PRESIDENT

Hi and welcome to UMSU!

Get excited. Your time at university can be filled with wonderful activities, friendships and achievements both inside and outside the classroom, and we'd love for UMSU to be part of that.

There are so many ways to get involved. Join clubs, run for committees, participate in a collective, write for our magazine *Farrago*, get involved in theatre, volunteer for one of our volunteer programs, run in the students elections, attend a free comedy or trivia night, enjoy the lunch time bands and BBQs, attend a workshop... These are some of the best ways to meet people, enrich your degree and have the time of your life.

We're here to support you too. If you need help with a University issue, please visit our Advocacy or Legal Services – they are free and confidential. Something you think could be improved? Talk to our Education officers – they're here to make sure your voice is heard by the Uni, the community and our politicians. There are welfare programs, departments to support women, queer, indigenous and students with disabilities, the most helpful Info centres on campus and lots of free food.

We can even connect you with a fellow student mentor for some extra guidance.

We're always open to your suggestions – never forget this is your student union. My office door is always open if you'd like to chat.

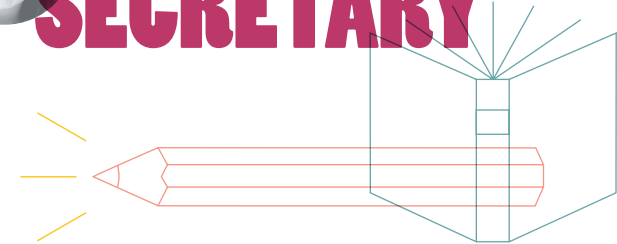
Seize every opportunity you can to dive head first into university life. These have the potential to be the very best years of your life, so make sure you enjoy them!

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# SECRETARY



As a representative body for all University of Melbourne students, UMSU is for everyone.

There are many different ways for you to get involved in your student union and make use of its services.

We are run for students, by students, and our aim is to make sure your time at university is as enjoyable, engaging and well-supported as possible.

I invite all students to actively engage with UMSU, to find out what it can offer you and how you can contribute to this vibrant community.

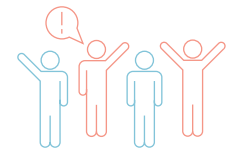
It is my role to ensure that this organisation remains true to its aims, and is run in an effective and transparent manner.

UMSU is governed by an elected students' council, that holds regular meetings open to all of you. Student departments also hold their own committee meetings and collectives, providing all students with a chance to have their say in the direction and activities of the student union.

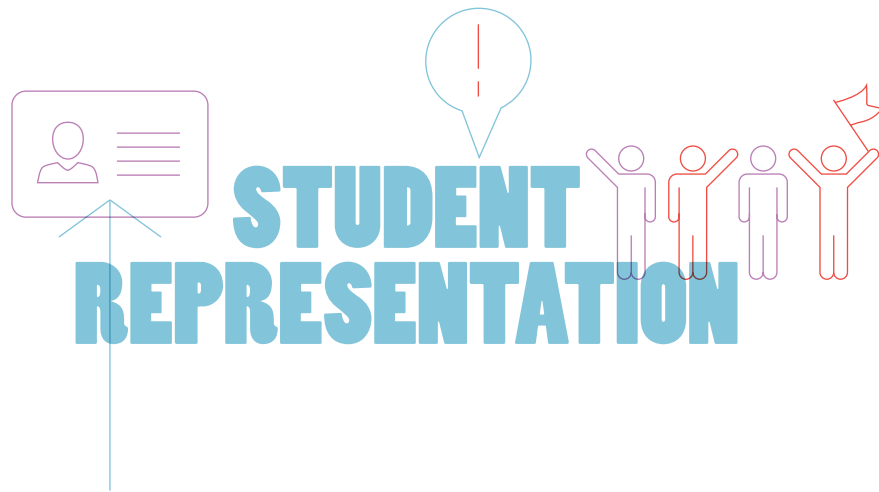
A warm welcome to all new students, and welcome back to those returning. I hope your time at university and your involvement with UMSU is as fulfilling as mine has been.

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FOR STUDENTS**



# STUDENT REPRESENTATION

The student union is run for students, but it's also run by students – which could include you!

UMSU has 14 student representative departments overseen by the **President** and the **General Secretary**:

Activities	Indigenous
Burnley	International
Clubs & Societies	Media
Creative Arts	Queer
Disabilities	Victorian College of the Arts
Education	Welfare
Environment	Wom*n's

Each department has student reps (AKA office bearers) and a Committee of seven students.

[umsu.unimelb.edu.au/represent](http://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/represent)

## Why is student representation important?

Students should be in control of their own affairs. UMSU is independent from the University, employs its own staff, and takes its own stance on issues that affect students. UMSU also throws a bunch of parties, and makes campus a great place to be. If you have an idea for a project, or something is bugging you, pop in to see your student reps!

## What's the deal with elections?

Each September, student elections decide who runs UMSU. If you're a student, you're entitled to vote or run for office yourself. You'll see people in brightly coloured T-shirts spruiking themselves and campaigning for your affection – you'll also learn the art of dodging campaigners!

But voting is important. Familiarise yourself with the candidates (all candidate statements are printed in *Farrago* – the student magazine) and cast your vote.

[umsu.unimelb.edu.au/elections](http://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/elections)



# NEW TO MELBOURNE?

Whether you've just moved to Melbourne or have lived here all your life, studying at the University of Melbourne is the perfect initiation into the **cultural delights** this city has to offer.

During your time here, you'll likely develop a taste for **good coffee** and brunch. With plenty of cute cafes in and around campus and throughout the CBD, you're bound to discover a few favourites. The city and surrounding suburbs are home to a **vibrant range of bars, pubs and clubs**. There are ample places to get your **dance** on in the CBD, while Brunswick Street in Fitzroy and Sydney Road in Brunswick are full of edgy bars and traditional pubs.

There's truly something for everyone! If you're a fan of arts and culture, this city has plenty to offer.

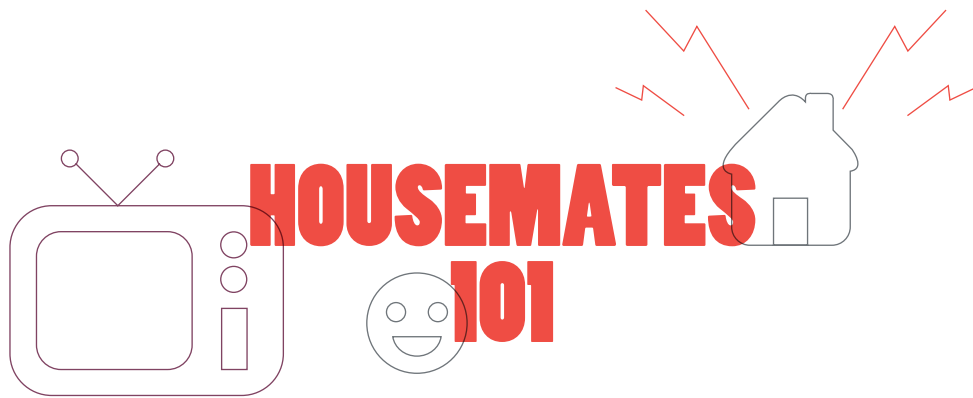
You'll often stumble across free performances in the city or at Federation Square, while the city's laneways are full of contemporary art galleries. You may even catch larger exhibitions at places like the NGV and ACMI, or find yourself in one of Melbourne's many political rallies or **annual street festivals**.

There's also no shortage of libraries, museums and parks to enjoy, such as the delightful Carlton Gardens, and if you're a sports fan there are plenty of events to go and check out. Many activities and attractions are discounted or even free for students - check [thatsmelbourne.com.au](http://thatsmelbourne.com.au), a great place to start.

If you have days off, spare time on weekends or gaps between classes, make the most of studying so close to the city. You'll never run out of things to do!



**YOU'LL NEVER RUN OUT OF THINGS TO DO!**



There are three things you need to know about living with housemates.

1. They're awesome!

Don't let horror stories of dirty dishes and passive aggressive post-it notes put you off. You've got the opportunity to meet new and amazing friends and form a **brand new student family** of your own. Look for your new abode online (Facebook events, Gumtree, Realestate.com, flatmatefinders.com), or by checking the notice boards in Union House and the window at Readings on Lygon St. Who knows, maybe you'll meet the Ross to your Rachel, or the Bert to your Ernie.

2. Seek help!

The University Housing Service in the Baldwin Spencer Building gives tenancy advice and should be your first port of call. The Tenants Union of Victoria or Consumer Affairs are also great sources to **find out your rental rights**. Any issues with payments, dodgy landlords or broken toilets (we've all been there), they've got you covered!

Finally, if none of those services can assist, **UMSU Advocacy & Legal** is **super helpful** and supportive and should be able to see you right.

3. Have (responsible) fun!

Organise housemate movie nights, dinner parties and warm dat house in style (but also with respect for your new neighbours, who you will defs need to have on side). Make sure that if you need to draft any sort of chore roster or call a house meeting, do so **with respect**. Be open and honest in your communication with one another... After all it is the key to your perfect house!



**BE OPEN AND HONEST IN YOUR COMMUNICATION WITH ONE ANOTHER**



So you are at uni. Now what?! Well, I can imagine that leaving the cool, leafy, familiar pond of high school was overwhelmingly liberating, but are you ready to take the plunge into the raging breakwaters of university? Do you have what it takes to be Just Another Flipping First Year?

When I arrived at uni, I felt like I'd been transferred from a raindrop to the Pacific Ocean. True, I had only crossed Bass Strait, but compared to Tasmania, Melbourne sure felt like the deep end. In those first few weeks I was faced with the choice of sink or swim. But hey, I'm still afloat, so maybe I did something right.

So here's a few tips I shall impart to make navigating the waters of uni a bit easier:

1. Join a club

I cannot stress this enough. All the best friends I have made at uni I met through an UMSU club. Choose one that really reflects you as an individual and you'll find some fantastic like-minded people you can chill with on and off campus.

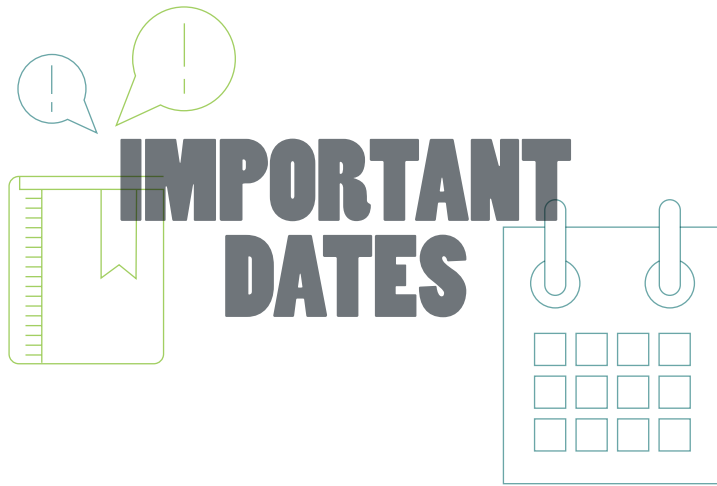
2. Push your boundaries

The University is your oyster, so try new things. Be they different subject disciplines or wacky social activities, sign up for anything and everything and you'll be surprised just how good it feels to explore unfamiliar territory.

3. Talk to people

You'll be amazed at how many first years don't say a word in tutorials. But trust me, the more you engage in class, the more fun it'll be. There's nothing more awkward than not knowing a single name of someone doing your subject. Chat to someone at your first lecture so you have a buddy to sit next to for the rest of semester.

The swim ahead may look tough, but trust me – it's a **hell of a lot of fun**. They say university is the best time of your life, so flap those fins and just go for it.



## FEBRUARY

Tuesday 24 – Friday 27 February  
Orientation Week  
(AKA O Week)

Tuesday 24:  
Carnival Day

Thursday 26 – Friday 27 February:  
Clubs Days

## MARCH

2 March – 31 May  
Semester 1 (12 teaching weeks)

Monday 9 March  
Labour Day  
– *not a University holiday*

11 March  
Start of Uni Party

25 March  
Higher Ed. National Day of Action

26 March  
Clubs Carnival

30 March – 2 April  
Media Week

## APRIL

3 April – 12 April  
Easter Non Teaching Period  
& UA Common Week

19–24 April  
Rad Sex & Consent Week

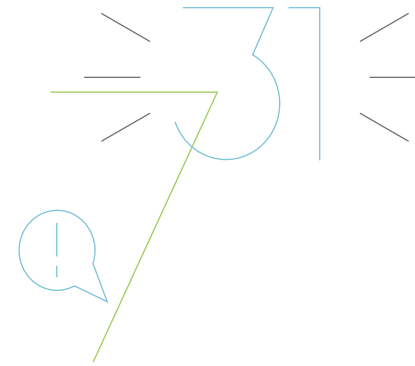
19 April  
PEST Student Theatre Forum

## MAY

11–15 May  
Stress Less Week

11–15 May  
IDAHOT Week

11–15 May  
Reconciliation Week



## JUNE

1 June – 5 June  
SWOT Vac

Monday 8 June  
Queen's Birthday  
– *University holiday!*

9 June – 26 June  
Exams – good luck!

## JULY

6 July – 12 July  
Non-teaching period  
& UA Common Vacation Week

Friday 10 July  
Results final release date

Thursday 16 July to Friday 24 July  
Special/Supplementary  
Examinations

27 July – 25 October  
Semester 2 (12 teaching weeks)

## AUGUST

10–14 August  
Enviro Week

10–14 August  
Women in Higher Education Week

17–21 August  
Disorientation Week

## SEPTEMBER

7–11 September  
Election Week

28 September – 4 October  
Non Teaching Period & UA  
Common Week

## OCTOBER

5–9 October  
Stress Less Week 2

26 October – 30 October  
SWOT Vac

## NOVEMBER

2 November – 20 November  
Exams – good luck!

Tuesday 3 November  
Melbourne Cup Day  
– *not a University holiday*

## DECEMBER

Friday 4 December  
Results final release date

10 December – 17 December  
Special/Supplementary exams



## Where is everything? Here's where.

A sense of direction

- ❑ UMSU Diary Map
- ❑ Lost on Campus App (srsly, it will save your life)
- ❑ Public transport: [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au)

Information:

- ❑ UMSU website
- ❑ The Portal & LMS
- ❑ UMSU Info Centres – Union House & FBE Building

Textbooks and readers:

- ❑ The Co-Op Bookshop
- ❑ Noticeboards around Union House

Stationery, University memorabilia, cheap movie tickets:

- ❑ Uni Store, Union House
- ❑ UMSU Info Centre, FBE Building

Food:

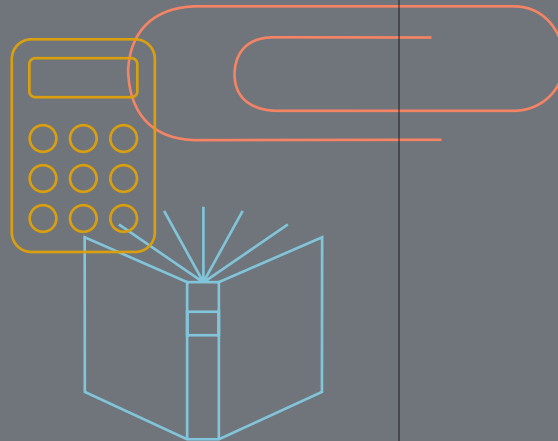
- ❑ Club events – clubs are all about free food
- ❑ Welfare Breakfast
- ❑ Activities Beers, Bands and BBQs
- ❑ Ride to Uni Brekkies if you ride in!
- ❑ Drink Tap Map! [bit.ly/uniwaterfountains](http://bit.ly/uniwaterfountains)

Friends:

- ❑ UMSU
- ❑ Clubs
- ❑ UMSU Mentoring Network



**GET STUFF**



# GET STUFF



## GET AROUND

Melbourne has three forms of public transport – trams, trains and buses. These run every day and you can find schedules at [ptv.vic.gov.au](http://ptv.vic.gov.au). Allow for delays if you plan to travel in peak hour! Check out the Journey Planner function on the PTV website – type in your starting point and destination and the entire journey will be mapped out for you. Very handy!

To travel on public transport, you will need a Myki (pronounced MY-key). These can be bought and topped up at 7-Elevens, Australia Post offices, train stations and on buses. Eligible students may use a concession Myki. However, travelling on a concession Myki requires a PTV Concession Card or a Healthcare Card, not just your student card. See the Public Transport Victoria website for more info. While the commute for those living in the suburbs is often long and tedious (but a great opportunity to do your readings!) getting around the city once you're there is relatively easy. Trams are a quick and effective way to get around, and most of the CBD is covered by a **free tram zone**. The free tram zone doesn't extend to Uni though, so make sure you "touch on" your Myki when travelling to uni. Ticket inspectors love hanging out at our Swanston Street tram stops, and the fine is not cheap!

If you live close by, **riding a bike** is a great and cheap way to get around Melbourne. Known for its bike culture, there are many Bike Share outposts, including one right in front of Union House. You can rent bikes for free when your trip lasts less than 30 minutes. Otherwise you can subscribe for \$2.90 a day / \$8 a week / \$58 a year. Make sure you grab a helmet and get familiar with the road rules!

There are plenty of excellent bike routes:

- **Bicycle Network:**  
[bicyclenetwork.com.au](http://bicyclenetwork.com.au)
- **Melbourne Bike Share:**  
[melbournebikeshare.com.au](http://melbournebikeshare.com.au)



## GET FOOD

Being a student isn't just tough academically, but financially too – as much as 17% of Australian students skip meals due to financial pressures. Thankfully being a student also brings with it a few perks to help you save, as long as you know where to look.

### Free BBQs

UMSU's Activities department runs a **free BBQ** with free drinks and a band **every Tuesday** in North Court. These barbeques are also held on the first five Mondays of each semester. Many **clubs and societies** also hold regular free barbeques for members. The Arts, Science and Engineering societies all have very regular BBQs, and memberships are dirt cheap.

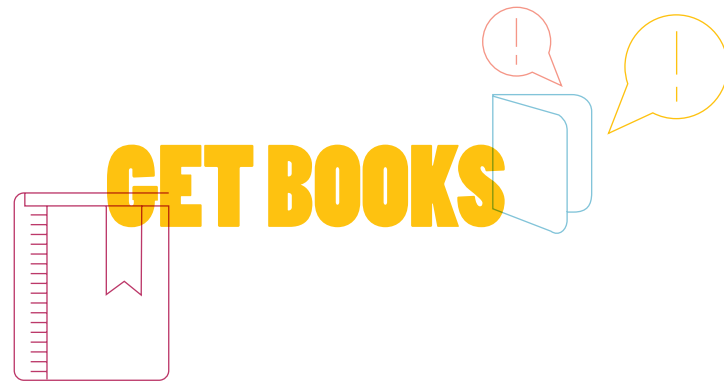
### Union House

Union House has a great range of food options to choose from. **Cheap options** include Egg Bistro in the Basement and Vegi Patch (opposite Boost), where you can easily feed yourself for under \$10. Upstairs on the first floor you'll find the Food Co-op which offers **locally sourced vegan** and gluten free groceries and lunches for as little as \$5. If Mexican is more your style, many club memberships also include a 20% discount at Zambro's.

### Union House

For students who are particularly struggling, USMSU's Welfare department runs a **Food Bank** service for students in need. The food bank offers staples like rice and canned goods free of charge. To find out more or to donate non-perishable goods to the Food Bank, get in touch with the Welfare officer at [welfare@union.unimelb.edu.au](mailto:welfare@union.unimelb.edu.au)

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## GET BOOKS

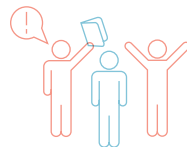
There are two main pieces of equipment you need to get through your academic studies:

- The first is a **textbook or reader** so giant it doesn't even fit in your new uni satchel, and so heavy you need never go to the gym again.
- The second is an ample **selection of highlighters** to highlight every second sentence in said textbook in a complex colour coded system to convince yourself you're learning.

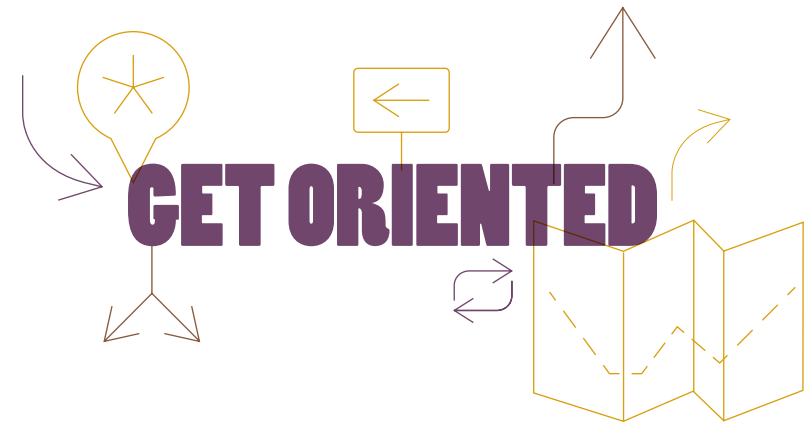
The best place to find the enormous textbooks is the **Co-op bookshop** on Professors' Walk. They stock all your set texts. They also stock everyone else's, so brace yourself for a fairly epic queue just to get in the door. Alternatively you can order online and then just pick them up in store.

If you're keen to pinch a few pennies there are plenty of textbook exchange websites like [studentvip.com.au](http://studentvip.com.au) as well as notices on the ground floor of Union House and the UMSU Book Co-Op on the first floor.

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**THERE ARE PLENTY OF  
TEXTBOOK EXCHANGE WEBSITES**



## GET ORIENTED

**O Week is your induction to uni life.** In the last week of February, right before classes start, the entire University will become a safe place for you to get together with thousands of other people who also have no idea what's happening. In these brief few days you can gorge yourself on free sausages, get a 'historical tour' of the local drinking holes, and figure out who to avoid and who to hold onto for the oncoming year. Hot tip – if you want people to like you, for the love of God, **don't mention your ATAR score.**

If you're reading this and O Week has passed (and you didn't take as much advantage of it as you probably should), it's never too late to get out there and get involved! **Clubs and collectives** are there for you to meet people, so check out the UMSU website for a calendar of events on campus all year round.

The campus really isn't as big and scary as you think it is. Sure, there are little alcoves that look like they're **straight out of Harry Potter** and yes, sometimes you'll swear the staircases have moved around just to fool you. But really, the **campus is pretty easy to navigate.** There are even apps that can help you now. Check out Lost on Campus – not only will it tell you where that elusive lecture theatre is, it even provides student ratings on the best coffee nearby.

There are things to help you out **after hours** too. If you get led astray with a pub crawl, the Safer Communities app can lead you home safely with campus security only a tap away.

If you get really lost, we suggest you just set up camp on South Lawn for the rest of the day. **Laze around in the sun** or catch up on some first week readings. You might just make some new friends while you're at it.

[umsu.unimelb.edu.au/oweeek](http://umsu.unimelb.edu.au/oweeek)



## GET A FRIEND

Uni's a great place to learn. It's also one of the best places to meet new people. You'll bond with other students in your class over your lecturer's strange haircut or penchant for Hawaiian shirts... But there are also a lot of other ways to find yourself some new buddies in your first few weeks.

Joining a club will provide you with an instant friendship group. You'll meet a bunch of people with similar interests to you and it'll immediately fill your social calendar with a plethora of BBQs, parties and excursions. There's a club for everyone, from the Chocolate Lovers' Society to the Friends of Unnatural Llamas Club, so check out your options and sign up!

Volunteering is also a great way to meet people and become a part of the 'unimelb' family. Throughout the year there are opportunities to volunteer at the exam support stall, the VCE Summer School (VCESS), and as an O Week Host.

If you're looking for some extra friendly guidance, you can even sign up for an UMSU Mentor to help you navigate the wonderful world of uni.

Each UMSU department runs their own unique events throughout the semester and are another great place to meet like-minded people. From Wom\*n's Action Collective to Enviro Workshops and Farrago magazine launches, you're bound to find something that interests you.

Sometimes the best way to meet people is while kicking back and having a beer with them, and UMSU has you covered here as well. Every Tuesday during semester the Activities department runs free BBQs in North Court, where you can grab a sausage and listen to live bands. They also host a couple of parties every semester, so keep your eyes peeled for details.

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## GET EMPLOYED

While working isn't ideal when you need to devote time to study, the reality is 80% of students need to work in order to support themselves, making for a crowded market. Luckily there are plenty of ways to help boost your chances.

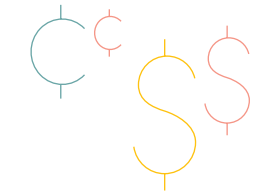
UMSU hires student casuals throughout the year in a variety of roles from food and beverage services to customer service roles. There are also plenty of volunteer opportunities which can help boost your CV.

UMSU also offers training courses to members of club executives (as if you didn't need another incentive to get involved!) while the jobs board on the ground floor of Union House is a good place to check for vacancies.

Careers Online ([careersonline.unimelb.edu.au](http://careersonline.unimelb.edu.au)) is an invaluable resource offered by the University's Careers and Employment division. This website is a one stop shop for finding out everything you need to know about applying for jobs, including example resumes and cover letters. It also has a fantastic online jobs board advertising everything from summer jobs to internships and graduate positions.

When you're working it's also important to understand your rights and entitlements as a worker. Workplace unions, much like your student union, are there to represent you and ensure you're treated fairly. To find out more about your rights and what union to join, the Australian Unions website ([australianunions.org.au](http://australianunions.org.au)) is a great place to start. The UMSU Welfare department also hosts workshops on your rights at work during semester.

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**YOU WILL GET PAID!**

There are heaps of places you can go to get the help you need throughout your degree, so there is no need to struggle with issues alone!

Google the following + unimelb to get in touch with them:

- ❑ First Aid – UMSU Info Desk and the Blue Poles around campus
- ❑ Security – find a Blue Pole around campus or call 8344 6666
- ❑ Safer Community Program – download the app for whole range of unimelb services at your fingertips!
- ❑ UMSU's Advocacy service
- ❑ UMSU's Legal service
- ❑ Queer space
- ❑ Wom\*n's room
- ❑ Disabilities department
- ❑ Welfare department
- ❑ UMSU INTL
- ❑ UMSU Mentoring Network
- ❑ University Counselling
- ❑ University Health service
- ❑ Financial Aid
- ❑ 13 MELB and student centres
- ❑ Disability Liaison Unit
- ❑ Academic Skills Unit
- ❑ Student Connect



**NEED SUPPORT?**



**DO YOU NEED SUPPORT?**



The UMSU Advocacy service offers **information, support and referral** across a range of academic and administrative issues at the University.

Each year we assist over a thousand students with Academic Board appeals, academic progress meetings, grievances, special consideration applications, and academic misconduct hearings.

If you have an issue with the University that you need help with, we can **provide advice on and assistance** with the best way to resolve it. We can help with anything that relates to your enrolment. This may be something that the University is contacting you about (like a plagiarism allegation, breach of examination rules or academic progress) or a dispute about a University issue such as **assessment, supervision or a special consideration** application. In the event that we aren't the right service to help you – we will know where you should go, so we're a great place to start.

The service is **free and confidential** for all students at the University of Melbourne. Preliminary advice and support is available from our Student Services officer and individual advice is available from an advocate by **appointment**.

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**WE WILL KNOW WHERE YOU SHOULD GO – SO WE'RE A GREAT PLACE TO START**



Hey folks, we're your Disabilities department, and we're here to **make life easier for people with disabilities** at uni. This includes all forms of physical disabilities, as well as invisible disabilities like learning disabilities, mental illness, and neurodiversity.

We would love for you to get involved. You can do this by coming along to any of the events we hold on campus – from regular support groups, to film screenings and accessibility tours.

We're really proud of what this department has achieved in the year since it was launched, and if you're a person with a disability (of any description!) hopefully you'll enjoy what we aim to do.

We also work behind the scenes to ensure a more **inclusive, safe, and enjoyable environment**. This means working with the Disability Liaison Unit and UMSU Advocacy and Legal services to ensure that students with disabilities on campus are **having their needs met** and are not experiencing any discrimination on campus. It also means campaigning for **better services** and working to increase the **awareness** surrounding already available services.

If you're at all curious about the this department, please contact us for more information or just say hi.

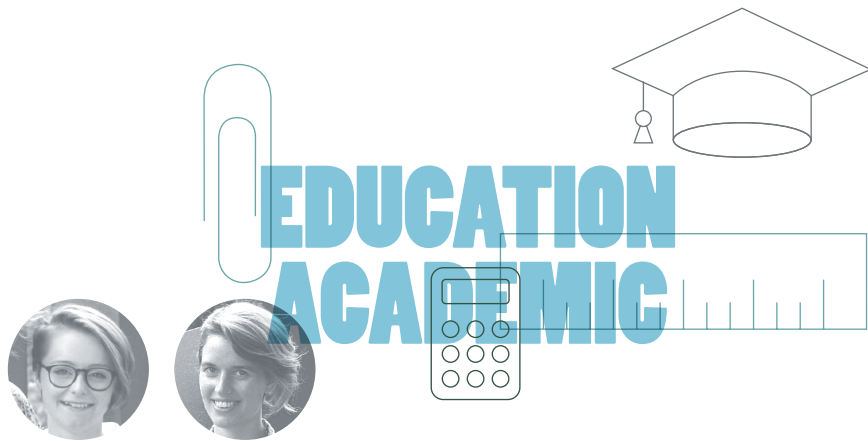
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**WE'RE HERE TO MAKE LIFE EASIER FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AT UNI**

Photos – left to right:  
Sasha Chong & Susannah Gordon



The University is a big beast and there is a lot to get your head around about academic policies and processes. The Education department is a point of call for any **issues you are having with your degree, subjects and classroom experiences.**

We engage with the University to ensure students' needs are met and **changes occur** for us all to make the most of our degrees.

Our department coordinates the Student Representative Network (SRN). Through the SRN, students are trained to be voting **student representatives** on the boards that **make decisions** about our studies and experiences at university.

In the past, the department has contributed to developing policies such as compulsory lecture recordings, lowering the Grade Point Average (GPA) needed for exchange programs, and keeping the exam period at three weeks instead of a proposed two.

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Shanley Price & Nellie Montague

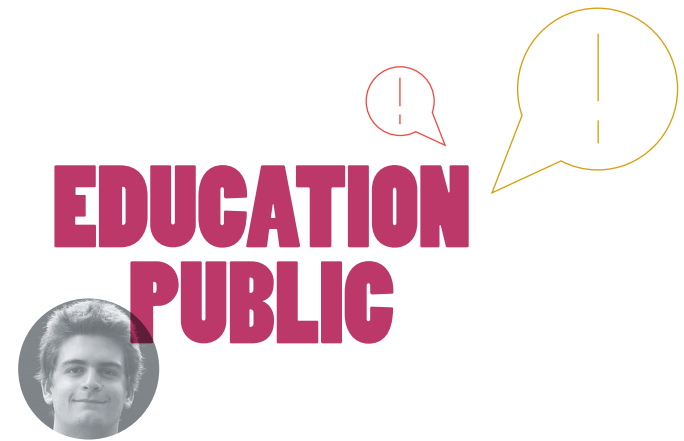
This year, we have lots of things we'd like to address, such as increased quality **tutor training**, the **recognition of minors** on academic transcripts for all degrees, options around **printing readers** and improving the accuracy of the online handbook.

As well as representation, we can help out with any issues around University academic policy and refer you to services that can help if you are having trouble with your studies or assessments.

Being at uni can be tough, so if things do go wrong during your studies, we are **here to help.**

**Shanley Price & Nellie Montague**  
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I will be focusing on issues that affect your ability to study. Uni is an incredible place, but unfortunately those in charge don't always have students' best interests in mind when making **major decisions which impact us.** This might mean increasing class sizes, or cutting the number of subjects available in order to save money. Not fun.

Terrible ideas like these can also come from the government in the form of funding cuts or other nasty policies – stuff we've been fighting against a lot, especially in recent times.

I'm here to ensure that students are not only kept up to date with all of this, but are also able to get involved and have their voices heard. That's why I'll be running a bunch of campaigns throughout the year to raise student awareness, and remind the government and the University that we're paying for our education, so we deserve the best experience possible.

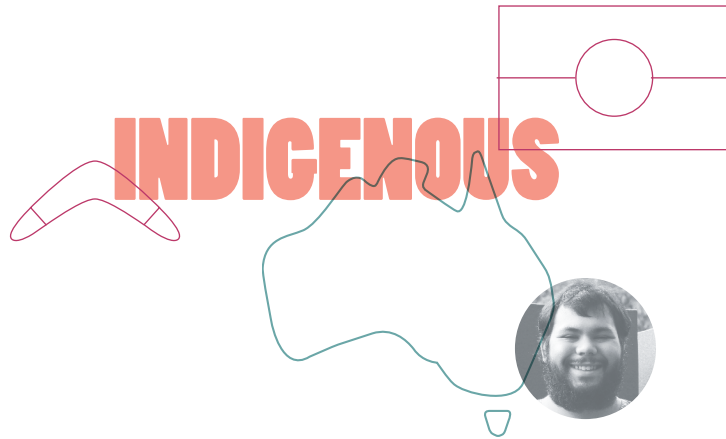
If you're interested in these sorts of education issues, you'll have the chance to join our Education collective – a place where anyone is welcome, whether you're a seasoned campaigner or completely new to activism. And **don't worry if holding signs and chanting slogans isn't for you,** I want these campaigns to include everyone. So if you've got some cool ideas to engage students, I'd love to hear them. Jump on board, and make a difference!

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**DON'T WORRY IF HOLDING  
SIGNS AND CHANTING  
SLOGANS ISN'T FOR YOU**

Nice to Meet You Guide



The Indigenous department is here to advocate on behalf of indigenous students on University issues, and help everyone have the best year possible. This year is going to be busy with a big **Reconciliation Week** in May and the **National Indigenous Tertiary Education Games** in September. Mark your calendars!

While we have our own exciting plans for 2015 we also make provisions for **your amazing ideas!** If it's art, activism, academics, athletics or anything in between we can help you finance, organise and run things to make them a reality.

This year the Indigenous department is looking to focus on **student health** and wellbeing, **career prospects**, and nurturing our **sense of community** and culture. Look out for our upcoming projects!

We are always looking to make **your university experience enjoyable** so if you're having a hard time or need a little help with anything from the trivial to the traumatic, the UMSU door is always open.

If you want to find the Indigenous department specifically, just look for the two flags across from the Student Reps door or speak to the Info Centre on the ground floor.

Please don't be shy, come find us and share the love. Have a great day!

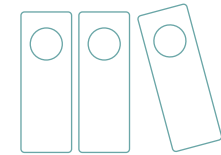
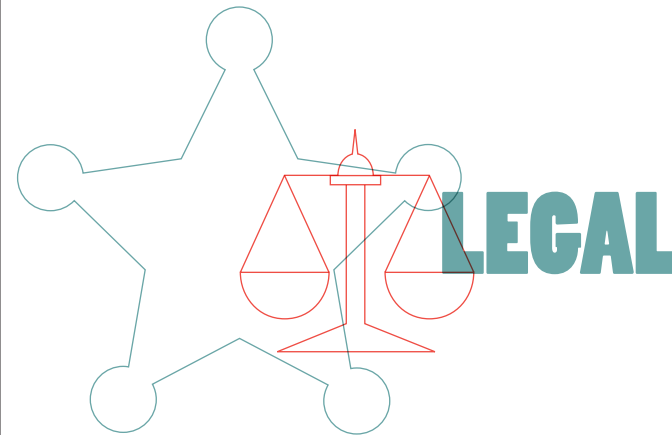
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The UMSU Legal service provides **free, confidential and accessible legal advice** to all students at the University of Melbourne.

Staffed by a solicitor, the service **encourages and supports students** in solving their own legal problems with expert legal advice and guidance.

The Legal service can assist you with a number of **legal matters**, including intellectual property, victims of crime, summary/indictable and criminal offences, infringement notices, family law, motor vehicle collisions, powers of attorney and wills, employment matters and some migration queries.

Please note the service cannot assist you with a matter involving another student or the University of Melbourne, UMSU Inc. or MUSUL.

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**EXPERT LEGAL ADVICE  
AND GUIDANCE**





# WELFARE

The Welfare department exists to support us with the many obstacles we can face at university. **Being a student can be hard.** It's expensive, stressful and for many of us, a pretty volatile time. We provide services, programs and advice to make it all a bit easier.

How much money you have shouldn't stop you from getting the most out of uni or distract you from your studies. **Free breakfasts, a food bank** and advice on **your rights** at work or as a renter are some of the ways we'll help you with the financial side of things.

Stress and anxiety are all too common for students and can also get in the way of your uni life. We run events and workshops to help you **de-stress** and unwind – keep an eye out especially for Stress Less Week towards the end of semester!

It's important to look after our physical wellbeing too so we provide **exercise classes** and **wellbeing initiatives** throughout the year.

On top of all that we play an active role in advocating for changes to improve our welfare. Whether that be campaigning for equal concession card rights for post-grad and international students or stopping welfare cuts, our role is to **promote a more supportive environment** for students.

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**WE RUN WORKSHOPS  
TO HELP YOU DE-STRESS  
AND UNWIND**



# UMSU INTERNATIONAL

We are the official representative body for all **international students** at the University of Melbourne. Whether you are an undergraduate, graduate, study abroad or exchange student, we are your voice on campus.

Our role includes safeguarding your welfare, providing referral services and peer support, raising awareness for diversity on campus, promoting cross-cultural exchange and encouraging the integration of international students with the local student body. We also organise social activities and events.

Basically, we aim to **enhance your student experience** so that you can make the most of life at uni and in Melbourne and help new students settle in. More than anything, we are about having fun, making friends, and turning Melbourne into a **home away from home**.

Watch out for our orientation events as well as our legendary Night Market (Semester 1) and Festival of Nations (Semester 2) a big party for everyone! We invite the international clubs and societies to book stalls and sell food, while the crowd enjoys quality student performances.

Our office bearers and International Student Ambassadors are **friendly, helpful** and there to help support you.

The Umsu International lounge is open to everyone – a great place to hang out!

We love listening to your stories and experiences, so don't forget to drop by and meet us.

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**WE TURN MELBOURNE INTO  
A HOME AWAY FROM HOME**

**Being a university student is like living in a fun park with some books and lectures thrown in for good measure.**

There are endless ways to have fun here, and it sure helps keep the stress levels down! Tuesday 12-2pm is the communal undergrad lunch block, so it's a great time to show up to an event and add some fun to your day!

- Have a laugh at a free Comedy Night
- Go to a Tuesday Beer, Band and BBQ
- Do Prosh Week
- Go to a Rowdy Laughter lunchtime event
- Attend a Life Drawing Class
- Jump on a jumping castle
- Go to a ball
- Hang out in the sun on South Lawn
- Watch Game of Thrones in the Rowdy
- Do a flash mob with UMSU Theatre
- Take part in Disorientation Week
- Collapse on a beanbag at an outdoor movie night
- Go to a *Farrago* mag launch party
- Oktoberfest

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**HAVE FUN**



# ACTIVITIES

UMSU Activities aims to keep your uni life full of activities while you study. Let's be honest, there is so much room for activities!

This department provides free BBQs and drinks in North Court every week, with different **bands to rock out to** in your lunch break. We repeat, it's free for all University of Melbourne students, seriously. No joke.

The traditional Start of Uni Party (SoUP) at the beginning of the year is organised by yours truly, UMSU Activities!

We also have **ridiculously entertaining** trivia nights, tear-inducing, hilarious comedy nights, a rambunctious Oktoberfest or suave, well dressed cocktail parties.

Watch out for the **new movie nights** which are set to be a blast.

Give us a sneaky like on Facebook to keep up to date with the events you really should be at **instead of wasting more time online.**

If you just can't contain your excitement for an activities filled 2015, you can add our good friend, Tobias Trunke\*, to be invited to our events.

You stay classy 'unimelb'.

**James Baker & Hayden Michaelides**  
Activities Officers  
Level 1, Union House

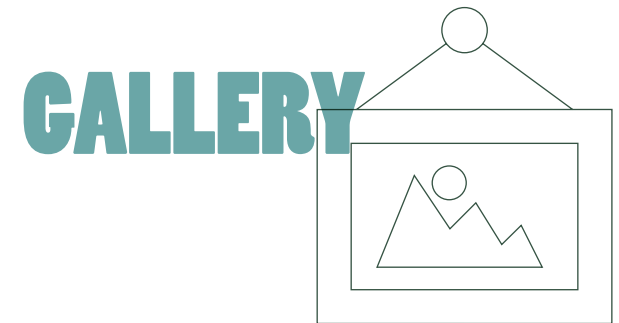
\* Tobias is an elephant so there's really no reason why you shouldn't befriend him: [www.facebook.com/ttrunke](http://www.facebook.com/ttrunke)

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**FREE BBQS AND DRINKS IN  
NORTH COURT EVERY WEEK**

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James Baker & Hayden Michaelides



# GALLERY

Union House manages to cram in a **gallery and arts spaces**, making it a great canvas if creative work is your thing.

Whether you're an accomplished designer or your expertise extends more to finger painting and stick figures, there's something for you.

### Book some time in the Arts Lab

Think your primary school art room without annoying teachers telling you off. It's equipped with large movable tables, artists' easels and basic art materials.

It's a great space for badge making, banner painting, art workshops and spoken word events like the Creative Arts and Media departments' 'Wordplay'. Any student can **book it for free**, as long as it's for an art purpose.

Bookings need to be made in person at the Info Centre, ground floor, Union House.

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### Get down to the Gallery

The George Paton Gallery (GPG) has been running as an **alternative art space since 1975**, exhibiting many experimental artists. Since 1994, the gallery has focused on student exhibitions, with many past and recent exhibitors finding success both in Australia and overseas.

Exhibitions run for two to three weeks with a Closing Event the last Wednesday of each show. The gallery is free to enter, so join us for art, wine and cheese!

We accept proposals for exhibitions at the end of each semester, so get in touch if you have a project idea.

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Yeah, yeah. I know you're looking for the free beer and BBQs. Wondering whether you should join a club or get involved with theatre to kick start your Bright Shiny Future.

Well that's all great but I tell you that if you miss the Rowden White Library (AKA the Rowdy), you're just plain missing out. **They've got everything!** Except textbooks. The Rowdy doesn't do textbooks.

See, the Rowdy is **not for studying**. It's for enjoyment. Your enjoyment. DVDs, books, e-books, computers, vinyl, magazines, music **coming outta its gourd** (just google that one) and a big TV screen. And comics! Graphic novels, manga, superheroes getting their freak on – Comics!

I know, I know. You get all this stuff on the net. Well, you're paying for all that bandwidth, while Rowdy stuff is **free for students and staff**. They've got *Girls*, *Walking Dead*, *Vampire Diaries*, heaps of other TV, movies and docs. New stuff all the time. And it's all free.

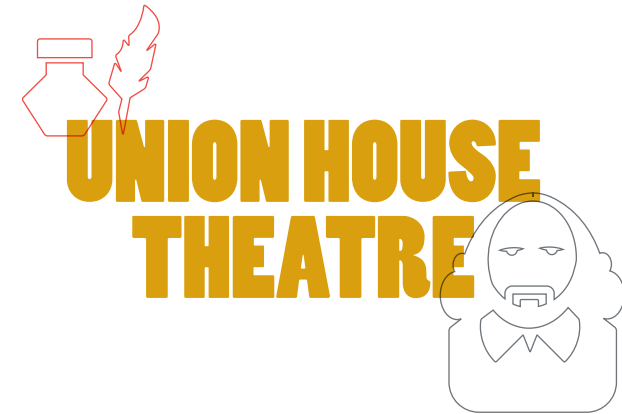
If you're a text-based person there's about 30,000 books. Broken down into general fiction, sci-fi/fantasy, crime, romance, non-fiction.

The **computers are open access**. That means they bypass the student account download limit (you'll find out about that one soon enough.) And no one's going to throw you out for playing Tetris or whatever instead of doing your essay. **That's the point**.

Had a big weekend? There's comfy chairs and bean bags for **sleeping in front of the Foxtel big TV** showing stuff all day. Talk about chill.

So, like I said. **Don't miss out**. Whatever you're into, the Rowdy's probably there with you already.

9am – 7pm Monday to Thursday  
 9am – 6pm on Fridays  
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If you're wandering around Union House, you might come across unexpected activity – a burst of **wild singing**, a passionate **argument**, maybe a couple of people choreographing a **fight sequence** in the corridor. Don't be alarmed! It's just the **strange and wonderful** world of Union House Theatre (UHT).

We have two theatres – one is also a cinema – in the building. We program plays, workshops and events and provide **support to student playwrights, directors, performers and technicians**.

#### What are student theatre groups?

They are exactly what they sound like – groups of students who produce and perform their own shows, theatre, musicals, dance etc. And not just in English!

We have around **25 affiliated groups** each year so find one you like and **join it or start your own**. Student theatre is extracurricular so it doesn't matter what you are studying, **anyone can participate**. And don't be shy! Many first year students get involved as well as international and exchange students.

Getting involved is easy:

1. **Say hello!**  
Our office is in Union House.
2. **Sign up to the weekly newsletter** for auditions and production team callouts.
3. **Check out our program**. If you like one of the shows, get in touch with the group and see if you can be involved.
4. **Like us on Facebook and follow us on Twitter**.

Love theatre but would rather be in the audience than on the stage? **Come and see a show!**

Tickets are around \$10-\$25 and we have over 30 productions every year.

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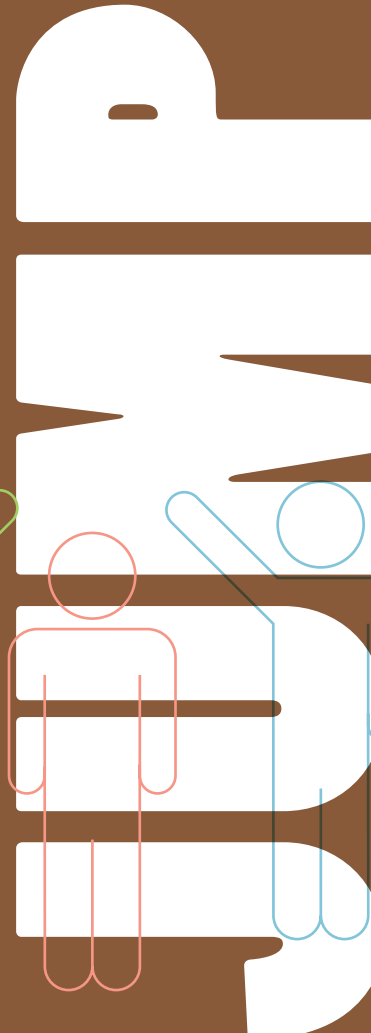
## There's no time like the present to get involved.

UMSU is run by students, for students. It is student-driven, and all activities are there to enrich the student experience. So take the plunge! It may seem hard if you don't know anyone at but it doesn't take much to fully immerse yourself in student life.

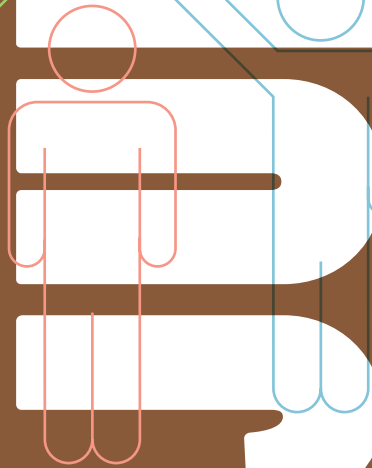
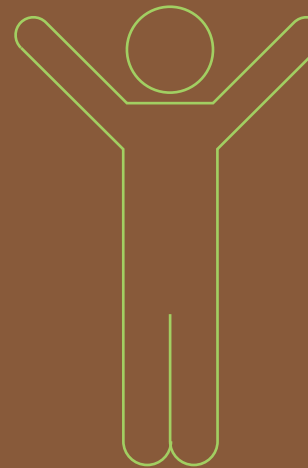
- ❑ Start your own club
- ❑ Have a show at the George Paton Gallery
- ❑ Act in a theatre show
- ❑ Help with front of house at Union Theatre
- ❑ Enter your band in the Band Comp
- ❑ Help out at the Exam Support Stall
- ❑ Come to an UMSU Students' Council
- ❑ Volunteer to tutor for VCE Summer School
- ❑ Become an O Week Host
- ❑ Submit a short work to Tastings
- ❑ Go to a life drawing class
- ❑ Submit a short story to *Above Water*
- ❑ Recite poetry as part of the Poetry Slam
- ❑ Put on a show at MudFest
- ❑ Stand up at the Campus Comedy Competition
- ❑ Attend an Arts Workshop
- ❑ Introduce yourself to your Student Reps!



# JUMP IN



# JUMP IN





# CLUBS & SOCIETIES

Clubs are an **integral part** of the university experience for many students, plus who doesn't love **free stuff!** Clubs are one of the easiest ways to **get involved, meet new people, and basically have an all-round awesome time.**

There are currently over **200 clubs** affiliated to UMSU, and you're spoiled for choice. Clubs range from areas such as **spiritual, cultural, musical, and political, to specific special interests and hobbies.** There are also a number of faculty and course-related clubs which help students **get to know people from within their courses.**

The Clubs & Societies (C&S) department grant funding for events and activities, as well as providing significant administrative support to clubs. This year we'll continue to make our funding and administrative processes easier to use, so that **clubs can spend more time doing whatever it is that they like to do.** We'll continue to support inter-club events to help grow the sense of community between clubs across uni.

The C&S department is also responsible for **affiliating new clubs.** If you feel like there is scope for an additional club, have a chat to us about starting one up. **We cannot recommend getting involved in clubs highly enough.**

Make sure you check out the full list of affiliated clubs on the UMSU website, and whatever you do, don't miss the **C&S Expo during O Week.** Each club will have a stall where you can find out all the info you need.

**Claire Pollock & Stephen Smith**  
Clubs & Societies (C&S) Officers  
Level 1, Union House

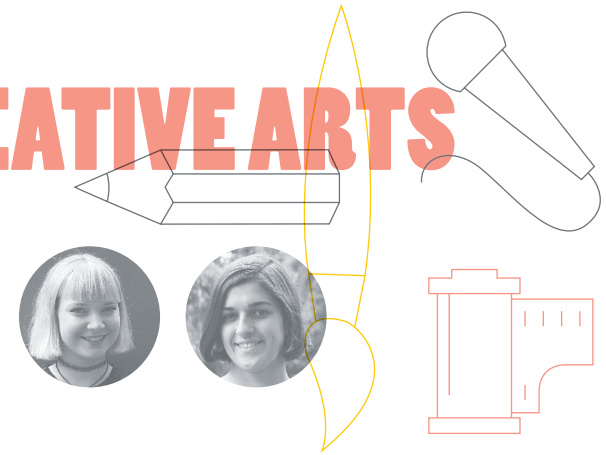
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**CLUBS ARE ONE OF THE EASIEST WAYS MEET PEOPLE**

Photos - left to right:  
Claire Pollock & Stephen Smith

# CREATIVE ARTS



Welcome to the Creative Arts, folks!

Here, we celebrate all things creative...  
And all things arts (unsurprisingly).

Through our department, you can engage in lots of awesome workshops and classes. This year we look forward to seeing you at **life drawing classes, hula hooping sessions, sustainability workshops** and plenty more!

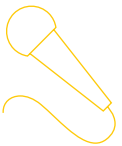
In 2015, **MudFest** will hit Parkville campus. This is the biggest student arts festival in the Southern Hemisphere, run BY students FOR students! Get excited, get involved and **get creative.**

The Creative Arts office in 2015 will be focusing on **sustainability, accessibility and community.**

So whoever you are, whatever you do, we have things lined up that we promise will be right up your alley. See you in the office!

**Bonnie Leigh-Dodds & Isabella Vadiveloo**  
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**WE CELEBRATE ALL THINGS CREATIVE... AND ALL THINGS ARTS**

Photos - left to right:  
Bonnie Leigh-Dodds & Isabella Vadiveloo

Nice to Meet You Guide



If you care about environmental issues and want to meet other students with similar interests, if you want to learn practical ways to reduce your environmental footprint, if you want to get involved in environmental activism, and if you want to have fun, join us in the Environment department!

We build an inclusive community in which everyone benefits from skills in living more sustainably. We hold sessions with a bike mechanic where you can learn to fix your own (and others!) bikes, arrange regular free vegan dinners and ride-to-uni breakfasts, and hold events in the Community Garden.

Getting informed and engaging critically with environmental topics is the first step to getting active. That's why we hold regular discussion groups, film screenings, presentations by experts and a special week of events called Enviro Week. There are students all over Australia who are interested in saving our planet for all, so we encourage you to get along to key

conferences like Students of Sustainability, which will be held in Adelaide in 2015. Camping has never been so fun!

If we want social and environmental change, we need to take a stand, make our voices heard and campaign for what we believe in. That is why we'll be facilitating a number of campaigns this year, such as calling (loudly) on the University to divest from the fossil fuel industry in the Fossil Free Melbourne Uni campaign, and supporting the creation of a Great Forest National Park, to the northeast of Melbourne.

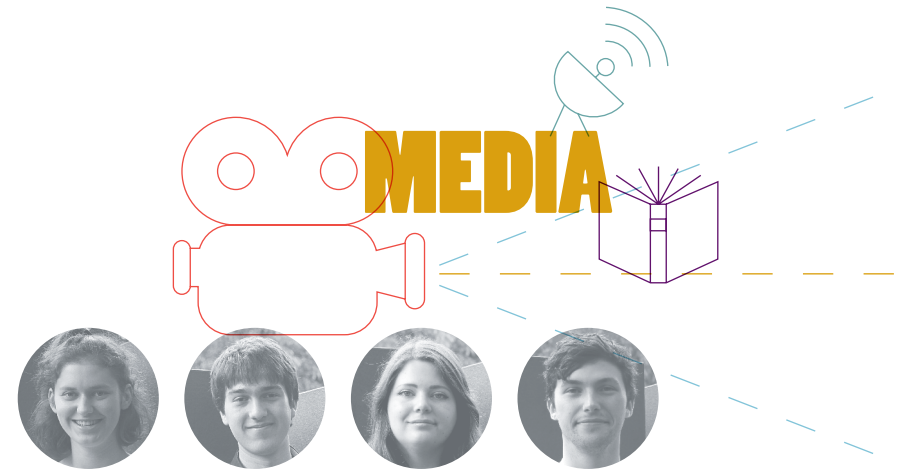
Come along to one of our events to get involved!

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Publications

The primary purpose of the Media department is to produce *Farrago*, the University of Melbourne's free, independent student magazine. A cornerstone of campus culture, *Farrago* has been representing the views and voices of students in all their diversity since it was first published in 1925. Not only does the magazine provide vital information and diverting entertainment to the student body, it is also a space for publishing the work of the University of Melbourne's many talented writers and artists.

Media also teams up with the Creative Arts department annually to produce *Above Water*, a creative writing anthology.

Audiovisual

While Media has historically run its radio program through local youth station SYN, this year we are launching *The Fodder*, a brand new online radio station. It'll provide even more opportunities for students to express themselves and learn new skills.

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Events

We're not all serious business. We host a launch party for each new edition of the magazine as they are released, culminating in the prestigious Fitzpatrick Awards at the end of the year. We also help students attend festivals and other events in the publishing industry, most notably the National Young Writers' Festival in Newcastle.

To get involved you can like us on Facebook, email us or see us in person.

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### UMSU can't run without you!

If it weren't for the dedicated team of volunteers, UMSU just wouldn't work. Volunteering is a great way to meet people and become part of the UMSU family. It also **looks great on your resume**, as you are officially trained in each role, and UMSU can provide an official certificate upon request.

Everyone needs a bit of help come exam time, and the **Exam Support Stall** is designed to provide just that. Volunteers are trained to answer any questions exam goers may have and offer **advice and guidance** to help students get through exam day. The stall also provides exam essentials such as pens, pencils, calculators, water and lollies for those who had a brain fade and left the important stuff at home.

If you just can't get enough of representing the Uni you can also become an **O Week Host**. You'll be given a group of new students and charged with teaching them all of the **tricks of the uni trade**. If you feel particularly strongly about which is the best lawn to lunch on or the best pub to drink at then take the opportunity to impart this wisdom upon incoming students.

If you want to continue to support a fellow student as they settle into university life beyond O Week, you can sign up next year to be an **UMSU Mentor!** You will be trained and paired with a like-minded student for whom you can be a friend and mentor, and impart all your studenty wisdom.

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If you ever wished you were Robin Williams when his class climbed on their desks and shouted 'O Captain! My Captain!', then this might be the experience for you. VCE Summer School (VCESS) is a two week tutoring program that takes place in January and aims to **help disadvantaged high school students**.

It's run by students for students, and as a **volunteer tutor** you'll get the opportunity to take a class of your very own. Maybe you're a Commerce student who got a 50 in Classical Studies or an English Major who desperately misses Chem pracs – whatever.

VCESS is a great place for sharing your knowledge and passions. It's also a chance to **give back and do something good for other people**. If the students can see that you're alive and well after VCE, they'll know they can survive too!

Summer School is made up of two words, and we definitely don't forget the first. No one wants to stay indoors when they can be out in the **sunny weather**, so we take the students to the beach and go on a giant scavenger hunt around uni.

VCESS tutors also run workshops so they can show off their strange talents – think mad Rubik's cube skills or fluency in French. You can get involved with the (maga)Zine, welfare or activities teams etc. More perks? **You get free clothes and yummy food!**

Most of all, VCESS is a massive amount of fun and you get to meet other great people. We run a **training camp and social events**, so you can catch up with the friends you made in January all year round.

We hope to see you next summer!

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It's 2015, we're here and we're queer!

If you are lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered, questioning, curious or sexually or gender diverse then the Queer department is here for you! We have resources and a fully accessible Queer space which is a safe place filled with couches, safer sex supplies, info about events inside and outside of uni, interesting books and even more interesting people. To get to this magical cave of wonders either take the lift or the stairs to the level 3 of Union House, and turn right towards the door with a rainbow on it.

Whether you're actively engaged in this community or you're only just beginning to explore your identity, the Queer department will have something for you. Some of the stuff we have planned for this year include free weekly lunches, fun parties and lots of meet ups for different groups.

Keep an eye out for **Rad Sex and Consent Week** since it'll be full of workshops, talks and film screenings on sex and all the ways to make it safer, better and more rad. **No matter your interests or your identity**, come along, and you'll meet plenty of fun and friendly students along the way.

Want to know more or get involved? We'll be hanging around during O Week. Otherwise come check out the Queer space or send us an email.

We'd be happy to help. See you there.

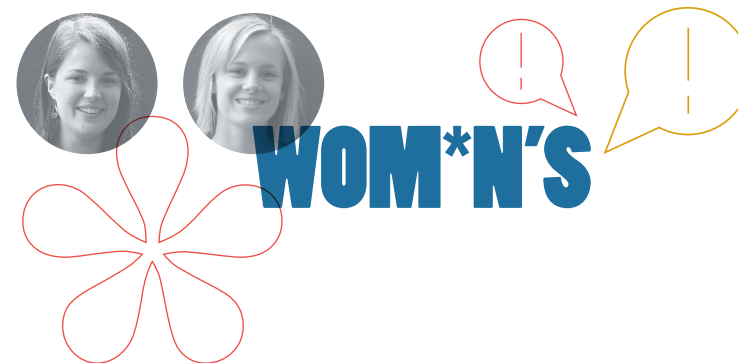
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**THE QUEER DEPARTMENT  
IS HERE FOR YOU!**

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The Wom\*n's department exists to advocate for women students on campus. We work to make the University a **safe place for women**, facilitate feminist activism, run campaigns, and, of course, host fabulous events!

The centre of this department's activities is the **Wom\*n's room**, an autonomous (women-only) space on level 1 of Union House. It is a place where women can feel comfortable and safe to be themselves, without having to share the space with men. The room is the perfect spot to chat, relax, read or have a nap. It's also full of great resources, books and free stuff! Make sure you come and find the Wom\*n's room, because it's for you!

In 2015 we hope to have a thriving Wom\*n's Collective which collaborates with Wom\*n of Colour Collective to build a **strong feminist community** among students. These **collectives** are your opportunity to get involved in the department and in feminist activism.

We run a variety of **weekly events**, as well as special Wom\*n's department workshops and the Women's Mentoring Network.

We can't wait to see you!

**Lucy Curtis & Allison Ballantyne**  
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**WE WORK TO MAKE UNI  
A SAFE PLACE FOR WOMEN**

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Artists have always been at the forefront of struggle, as we see the world not only for what it is but also what it could be.

The VCA Student Association (VCASA) serves as a voice and collective organiser for students at the VCA. We are here to represent you when it comes to concerns you have with how the University operates (or doesn't), and to fight for your rights.

The Labor government cut funding to universities by 2.8 billion dollars not long before the Liberals won government over a year ago. And the Abbott government has been pushing its horror budget ever since which is an attack on students and the poor across the board. Already the Education Minister has threatened to privatise student debt and deregulate university fees which could result in \$100, 000 degrees. And he has been incessantly trying to push this through parliament, but students across Australia have staged strong protests that has resulted in a stronger opposition in the senate. Students have won the first round against fee deregulation!

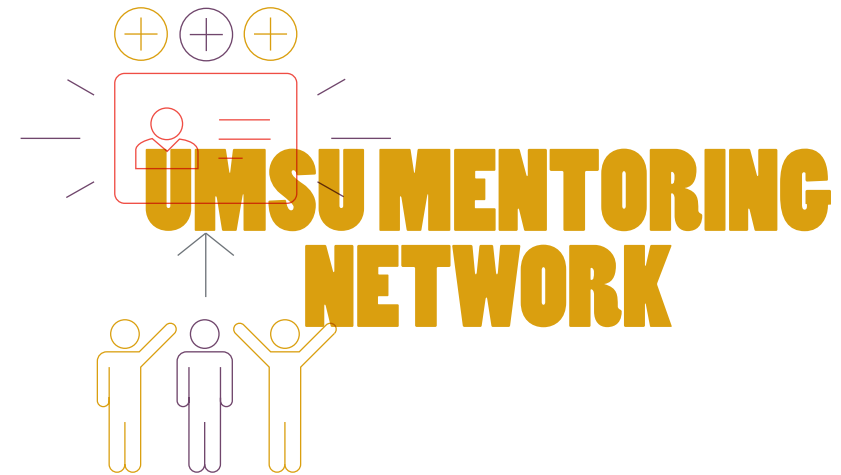
But Pyne plans to hit back harder with his plan to deregulate universities, and we'll be ready to fight once again. We strongly believe that education is a right, not a privilege and we will use whatever creative methods we can to bring this government down.

Students aren't just concerned with the bread and butter of student life. The VCASA is committed to fighting against all forms of oppression, sexism, racism, homophobia, as well as fighting for the rights of workers, students and other poor and marginalized people.

We are a participatory body and a student union is only as strong and vibrant as its members. So come to us with ideas and get involved.

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Want to meet more people, make more friends? The Umsu Mentoring Network can connect you with more experienced peers who are enthusiastic about helping you smoothly navigate and quickly settle into uni life.

Throughout the semester, regular one-on-one catch ups will give you the fantastic opportunity to hang out with another student who may share similar academic prospects, career interests or extracurricular hobbies as you. Also come along to our social events, such as the O Week speed networking social, movie nights and cultural outings, all of which will allow you to further expand and diversify your friendship circles.

Join the Mentoring Network today by simply filling out a form on the website and our department will match you up with a suitable mentor.

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**University of Melbourne** 46%

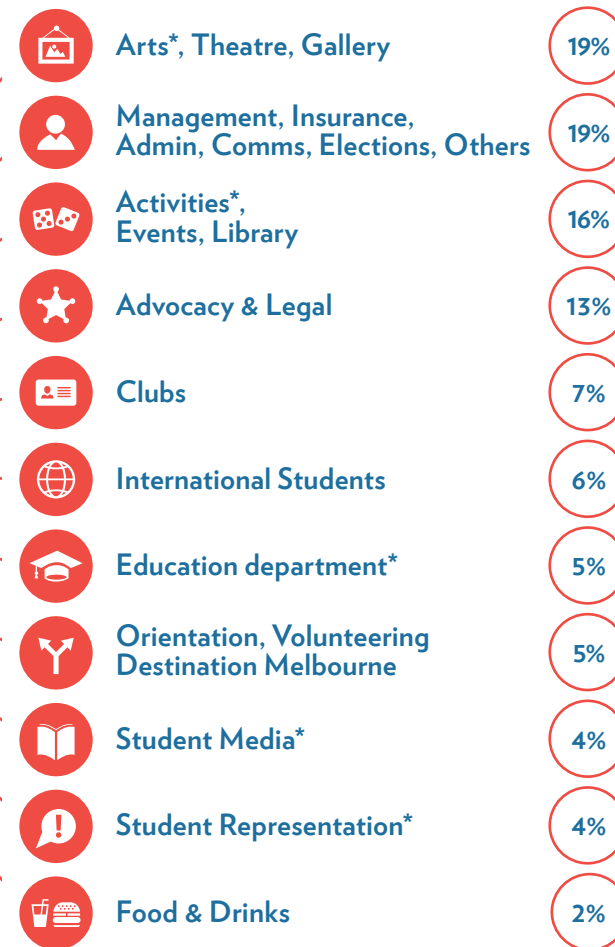
- Melbourne Uni Sport
- Children's Services
- Capital Works Fund
- Students @ Work
- Student Connect

**UMSU** 34%

**Graduate Student Association** 14%

**MUSUL** 6%

## UMSU EXPENDITURE OF THE STUDENT SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE



**TOTAL \$3,817,359.59**  
based on 2014 figures as of 31 October

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\*includes Student Reps Honoraria

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