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# Hi there! Welcome to UMSU – your University of Melbourne Student Union!

You've just picked up the key to unlocking your best year on campus. This guide is here to help you make your way through uni adventures, fun experiences, new skills and support over the year ahead. UMSU is a student powered organisation — we're run by students, for students. We're here to help you make the most out of your time at university.

For over 140 years, we've been bringing students together to keep arts, student representation, advocacy and culture alive on campus. We have a huge range of events and services for you to enjoy, and almost everything is FREE (or super cheap)! Some of the things we offer are:

- 🥝 Free live music gigs on campus
- Free food, from breakfasts to lunch BBQs and a student-run food bank
- A free legal advice, advocacy and financial counselling service
- Over 200+ student clubs to help you find your people
- Heaps of student-run publications
- Spaces to chill-out and vibe with others
- Creative workshops and opportunities
- Freebies, giveaways and discounts to save you money
- Plus much, much more!

Building 168 at the Parkville campus is UMSU HQ. You can find us on Levels 1-4. Our doors are always open to you, all throughout the year.

Are you ready? Let's start!









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# **Get involved!**

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Interested in getting involved in your student community? At UMSU there are loads of ways you can engage with your peers, meet new people and have fun!

### BECOME A MEMBER

You can join UMSU anytime via the Student Portal. Becoming a member is 100% free and strengthens UMSU's voice when campaigning for what matters to you on campus. You'll also be the first to know about services available to you and events that are happening each week, to make sure that the time you spend at uni isn't just in the classroom.

Scan to sign up and join!

### JOIN A CLUB OR SOCIETY

Join any of the 200+ clubs at UMSU or start your own! You can find out more at one of our Clubs Expos or check out our website!

> Scan to view our clubs!



### COLLECTIVES AND EVENTS

UMSU Collectives are student groups that meet throughout the year to socialise, run events and provide opportunities to hang out with other like-minded students.

Some Collectives are 'autonomous', which means they are only for a particular group within the community (like people who identify as queer, or a person of colour), while other Collectives are open to all students.

UMSU also runs heaps of awesome events all throughout semester, including live music, cultural celebrations, orientation festivals and more!

Scan to view events listing!

### ATTEND STUDENTS' COUNCIL

Students' Council is where decisions are made about UMSU's departments and governance. All students are invited to come along, move motions, and take part in how YOUR student union is run.

> Scan to view upcoming meetings!



# The SSAF Explained

#### HOW DOES UMSU DO SO MUCH FOR FREE?

We use funds allocated to us by the University from your Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) to provide free services and awesome events. The SSAF was introduced by the Australian Government to specifically fund student services and representation, and is included in your student fees.

We don't get all the SSAF funding the University collects, but we make a little go a long way! UMSU relies on SSAF to provide critical student services, such as food relief, events, student advocacy, lawyers and collective activism.

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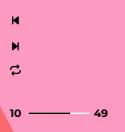
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# Artist Spotlight

<u>Check out this year's line-up</u> of student representatives dedicated to making your campus experience the best it can be!





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# Student Representation

It would be kind of weird if the student union wasn't actually run by students, right?

Your student representatives are there to ensure that that your best interests as students are represented across every area of uni life.

This doesn't *just* mean lobbying the University and activism on current student issues (but it's definitely that too), it's about making sure you're not just surviving, but thriving with everything that happens outside the lecture theatre as well. So, rest assured, your concerns will always be listened to – PLUS the parties will always be top tier.

From Welfare to Creative Arts, student reps are elected by you for year-long terms. Flip through this guide to find out all about your student reps, the departments they represent, and any spaces and collectives they run!





# Elections

Elections are held every year at the beginning of Semester 2. This is not only your chance to vote for who you think should lead each department, but also an opportunity to run for office!

When the elections happen (usually during September) there's a lot of information to take in, including nomination deadlines, campaign periods and voting times. We put out heaps of updates on our socials and in our weekly eNews, so keep an eye out!

More information is sent out closer to the date about how to run for election, or you can check the Elections webpage:

umsu.unimelb.edu.au/ elections











### Joshua Stagg

President

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# President

My name is Joshua Stagg, I'm your UMSU President for 2025. I'm a third-year Juris Doctor student. If this is your first semester here, welcome! If you're returning, welcome back!

In 2024, I was your UMSU Welfare Officer and ran Union Mart, developed the Cost of Living Report, amongst other initiatives aimed at helping students with the cost of living crisis and improving student welfare generally.

Having moved here from Tasmania in 2023, I know firsthand how isolating and difficult university can be. UMSU is here to help you at every step of the way. All of the people leading departments at UMSU are students, just like you. Each department of UMSU plays a vital role in building up and supporting the student community.

My biggest piece of advice to students is to get involved, be it with a club, volunteering, running for positions, or just meeting friends during events — this campus is not just a place to learn, but it's a home away from home. As your President, my door is always open. Any issue you have, no matter how big or small, I'm here to help. I may not always have the answers, but I'll support you and we'll figure it out together. Rest assured that your elected representatives are working tirelessly to make your experience at the University of Melbourne the best it can possibly be.

If you see me around, come say hi!

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**General Secretary** 

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# **General Secretary**

नमस्ते and G'Day, my name is Luv Golecha, and I'm your 2025 UMSU General Secretary.

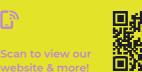
The General Secretary's role might not always steal the spotlight, but it's the glue that holds everything together! From serving as the official secretary of the organisation, to being the publisher of all communications from UMSU, to processing all minutes and records of meetings for all committees and council, and so much more.

Beyond these official duties, the General Secretary also acts as a point of contact for student concerns, ideas, and initiatives. From finding a place for our keen bean volunteers in UMSU's amazing calendar of events, to bringing key student issues to the attention of the University or Advocacy and Legal. Of course, like every student representative, General Secretary works closely with the other officers to bring students together, solve problems, and build an even stronger student community. At the same time, also working behind the curtains to push for changes and improvements that keep UMSU moving forward.

So, if you've got questions, ideas, or want to get involved, I'm just a message away. Let's make your time at UniMelb not just good, but unforgettable!

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# Activities

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### WELCOME TO THE HEART OF CAMPUS FUN!

The Activities Department is your go-to source for transforming your university journey from just lectures and exams into an exhilarating adventure. We're not just about organising events; we're about creating unforgettable experiences.

This year is all about inclusivity, innovation, and impact. We're here to ensure that every week at uni is packed with opportunities to relax, connect, and create memories that last a lifetime.

Ready to make your uni life extraordinary? Dive into the world of activities with us!



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### YOUR ULTIMATE CHECKLIST

There are some iconic events happening this year. How many of these will you tick off?

- Enjoy day trips and off-campus adventures (who doesn't love a cheeky escape?)
- Kick off the semester with unforgettable parties (yes, SoUP, we're looking at you (\*)
- Channel your inner diva at live performances
- Explore markets, creative workshops, and interactive pop-ups
- Participate in activities designed to support your mental health and wellbeing
- Celebrate inclusion and allyship
- Connect with nature, animals, and calming spaces
- Dress up for formal events and signature celebrations
- Enjoy live music sessions and casual gatherings throughout the year
- Wrap up the year with stressfree, feel-good events (exams? Never heard of her)

This is your year to thrive and vibe. Are you ready to slay the student life game? 2014



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### **Burnley Department**

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# **Burnley**

#### A HIDDEN GARDEN JUST A STONE'S THROW FROM THE CITY.

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With 160 years of gardening history, Burnley is the beating heart of all things plants in Victoria. Our relaxing campus sits in a bend of the Birrarung just next to Richmond, and is home to heritagelisted gardens, magnificent trees, cozy facilities straight out of the 70's, and the most peaceful library in the whole university.

If you've never heard of us, hop on tram 70 to come explore our little botanical Garden of Eden! Burnley is a great spot for birdwatching, walking along the river, discovering a new favourite plant species or just relaxing on the lawn under the huge old trees. We reckon we're UniMelb's best-kept secret and that's how we like it, so just keep it on the DL ;)

#### **OUR STUDENTS**

Our friendly cohort of post-grad students is like an extended family, each of us with interesting stories and life experiences to share. The Burnley Department are here to represent our unique needs to the rest of the union and deliver useful services, workshops and social events that cater to our greenthumbed tendencies.

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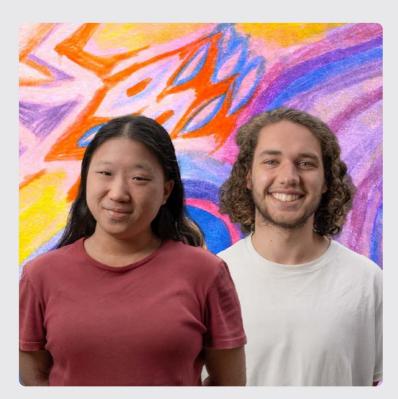
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# **Clubs & Societies**

Clubs and societies are one of the easiest ways to get involved, meet new people, and enrich your university experience. With over 200 different clubs to choose from at UMSU, there really is something for everyone!

Clubs range from areas such as cultural, musical, spiritual, and political, to specific interests and hobbies. There are also faculty- and course-related clubs that provide study and work opportunities and help students get to know people within their degree.

Clubs are not just a great way to get free stuff, they also create spaces for socialisation, provide fulfilling volunteer opportunities, and can be a vital stepping stone in your career.

Head to the Clubs Listing page on the UMSU website to see the full range of affiliated clubs and societies, so that you can join one (or several) today! If you have any club-related questions or just want to say hi, please come by our office or email us. We're always here to help :)

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**Creative Arts Department** 

# **Creative Arts**

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The Creative Arts Department opens the door to a lively, inspiring world where expression knows no boundaries. Whether you're a seasoned creator or just beginning to explore your artistic side, this is your chance to discover your voice and let it resonate.

#### WHAT WE OFFER?

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Whether you're captivated by music, drawn to visual art, eager to explore performance, or fascinated by crafts and paint space for you to dive in. This is your chance to uncover new passions, hone your talents, and make creativity a central part of your student experience.

Our mission is to open the door to countless opportunities for you to immerse yourself in creativity. Whether it's learning new skills, connecting with like-minded creatives at our collectives and events, teaming up with student clubs, or applying for grants to bring your artistic vision to life, we're here to make it all possible.



#### OUR DOORS ARE ALWAYS OPEN FOR YOU TO...

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**Get inspired:** Our office is a creative hub where ideas flourish and your next big project can begin!

#### Access exclusive opportunities:

From funding your passion projects through our annual grants to attending events and workshops like our Beer and Craft/Paint and Sip collectives, we provide you with the tools you need to make your artistic dreams a reality.

#### **Connect with like-minded**

individuals: Meet fellow students who share your passion for creativity and build a community of collaborators, mentors, and friends.

Make your mark: Whether it's showcasing your work, receiving feedback, or participating in projects, this is where you can make an impact and get your work seen!

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# Disabilities

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We're here as a safe, inclusive and active space on campus for ALL disabled students, whether those disabilities are visible or invisible.

We hold collectives, events, workshops and other awesome activities in our Disabilities Lounge (more info on page 58), and also provide a safe, low lit and sensoryfriendly space for any time you need to chill and take a breath away from busy campus life.

We also work behind the scenes to ensure UniMelb is a more inclusive, safe and enjoyable environment, by participating in campaigning and other consultative work with the University. Stay tuned to our socials for lots of opportunities to get involved throughout the year!

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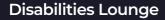
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# **Education (Academic)**

## WHAT IS EDUCATION (ACADEMIC)?

We advocate on your behalf to ensure the University's academic and policy processes are fair for students. Whenever you have an issue, we will work hard to represent you and ensure the University does something about it.

We're here to listen to your ideas and concerns surrounding the University, so feel free to send us an email, join our fortnightly Education Action Collective (free food!!) or swing by during our office hours!

### HOW DO WE HELP?

To achieve this, we coordinate the Student Representative Network, a group of student leaders that are chosen to sit on key university committees, and represent the views of the undergrads, grads and international students alike. It's the SRN's responsibility to ensure that students can have a say in the decisions that the university makes. We also sit on university academic committees representing students to give feedback on how the University is being run. Our goal is to steer the direction of teaching and learning so that we can receive the best education.

In the past, the office has contributed to developing policies such as ensuring lectures are recorded, maintaining access to hybrid and flexible learning options, and WAMnesty during the Covid-19 pandemic.

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### WHO ARE WE?

Viraj (he/him) and Sonika (she/her) and we are your Education (Public) Office Bearers for UMSU in 2025!

The Education (Public) Department (aka EdPub) upholds student rights and advocates for the formation and enforcement of equitable education policies.

In light of recent political unrest, major changes to academic structures, and the rising cost of living, we're dedicated to making campus life more supportive and ensuring students have the best environment for learning.

### WHAT DO WE DO? (PLAY MARIO KART BUT ALSO MUCH MORE!)

Our major campaigns involve fostering fairer career fairs for all students, increasing housing options, improving accessibility and academic support services. To put our money where our mouth is, we have planned a host of fun events to elevate student voice. We truly want to create a department where students' issues can find a platform to be raised. We have UMSU Assemblies, Education Action Collectives, the very fun EdPUB in the Pub and many more.

### GET INVOLVED! (YES, YOU!)

We're always updating our campaigns and priorities based on student feedback, and we'd love for you to be part of the action. Whether you're keen to volunteer or just want to have a chat, we're here to help you get involved!

#### HOW TO CONTACT US? (A SPIRITUAL SUMMONING)

Our office is open for any student who has questions about their rights, our campaigns, academic services or anything else we can help with. You can visit our office in Building 168 or you can drop us an email and we'll get right back to you! Also talk to us at events plz! (Viraj doesn't bite I swear).

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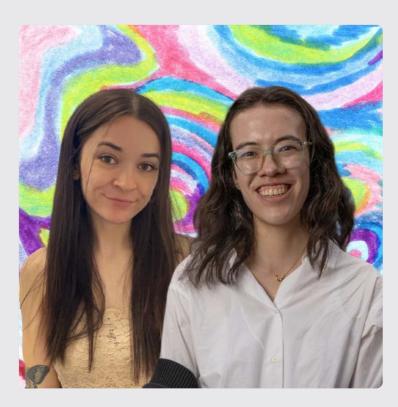
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### **Environment Department**

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# Environment

Come join us at the UMSU Environment Department, where we unite over our shared passion for the Environment, Animals and Sustainability! ...\*o("...", \*\*...

In the face of growing climate change anxiety among our generation, we want to bring students together to envision and build towards a better future for us, our planet and all the creatures we share it with.

The Environment Department works on projects empowering students to enact real tangible change across the individual, community and systemic scales.

You can expect to see from the department:

- Engaging and fun Sustainability Seminars, Workshops and events for students
- Running Second-Hand / Thrift Student markets
- An Equipment Library with your classroom and general needs to cut down on waste
- Collaborating with existing clubs to amplify their work with greater funding and resources!
- Pushing for sustainable policies within UMSU and the University

 Advocating for decreasing animal cruelty and exploitation on campus

Join us at our regular Environment Collectives; welcome to all from the seasoned advocates to the new and curious! There you will be able to make new friends and have fun over snacks while getting more involved in our various projects and campaigns.

Interested? Want to get involved? Follow us on Instagram and sign up to our newsletter to make sure you're kept up to date with our latest updates and events!  $\langle_{e^>} < < \rangle$ , $\heartsuit$ \*

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# Indigenous

#### Wominjeka — Welcome to the Indigenous Department!

Our job is to give voice to UniMelb's Indigenous students to ensure they have the best university experience possible. We are committed to supporting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students by ensuring we promote an inclusive and safe campus.

We strive to create change not only within our cohort but the wider University student body. We also find it especially important to highlight Indigenous knowledge systems and ways of knowing to protect our environment for future generations.

There are lots of ways to get involved with mob on campus, with social events, collectives and other initiatives happening throughout the year!

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We are the official representative body for all international students at UniMelb. We aim to enhance your student experience so that you can make the most of your time at uni, and help new students feel settled in Melbourne. More than anything, we are about having fun, making friends, and turning Melbourne into a home away from home!

We're here to support you by offering representation, peer support, and a wide variety of events, including our annual International Night Market. Whether you're an undergraduate, graduate, or even an exchange student, we'd love to have you as part of our UMSU International family! Get involved by joining our International Student Ambassador volunteer program, where you get to work alongside students from diverse backgrounds and help out in campus-wide events or even run for a Committee member position during our Annual General Election.

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Media Department

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# Media

Hello, hello! Welcome to the home of student media on campus. We publish six annual editions of *Farrago*, Australia's oldest student publication, and air Radio Fodder, the University of Melbourne's student Radio Station - find out more on pages 72 and 73.

We exist to represent the breadth of student perspectives and provide our members with an introduction to the media industry. The majority of our positions are entry-level and designed to upskill students in areas such as writing, editing, photography/video, broadcast and design.

As *Farrago* celebrates its centenary in 2025, we're looking to uphold a legacy of student reporting, student creativity and student voice. We'll be running *Farrago* launches, Media Collective hangouts, Radio Fodder events, workshops, centenary celebrations and much more. If you're interested in joining our collaborative community, get in touch at editors@farragomagazine.com

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Or feel free to drop by the *Farrago* office and the Radio Fodder studio!

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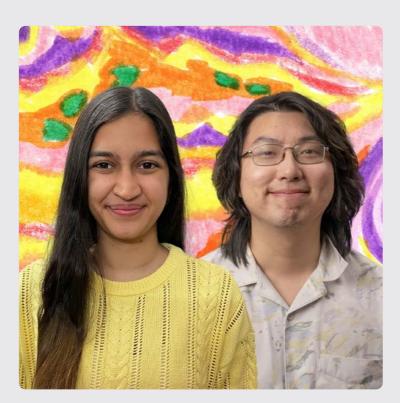


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*Farrago* & Radio Fodder







# Divyanshi Sati & Clement Wu

# **People of Colour Department**

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# **People of Colour**

Welcome to the People of Colour Department!

If you're fed up with racists, want to decolonise and destress or learn about your rights at work, then come hang out with us!

We advocate for and support students of African, Asian, Pacific Islander, Aboriginal, Indigenous, Latin, Arab, multiracial and other relevant backgrounds. We provide a safe, autonomous space on campus where POC can chill and take a step back from the pressures of campus life (more info on page 62!).



Come along to our various collectives for a bite to eat and a chat. We'll also be active on the ground at various national days and anti-racist actions happening throughout the year.

Follow us on socials for all the latest!!

### CONTACT INFO

**EVENTS** 

- 🔶 Level 3, Building 168
- peopleofcolour @union.unimelb.edu.au
- () UMSU People of Colour
- @umsupeopleofcolour
- 🥝 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/poc

Since you liked People of Colour you might like:

**POC Space** 







# **Ivy Pierlot**

**Queer Department** 

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# Queer

Whether you're gay, bisexual, trans, non-binary, asexual, or aromantic, or even if you're questioning, we're here for you!

The Queer Department is responsible for organising **social events,** hosting **collectives** for different identities and experiences, and **advocating** on behalf of the queer community at the University.

Plus, we also run have the **Queer Space** (more info on page 60) where all students are encouraged to come hang out, relax, or even take a nap. It's full of free resources like tea, coffee, snacks, menstrual products, and more! Check out our socials for more information and updates, and feel free to swing by our office and say hi!

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### CONTACT INFO

- 🔶 Level 3, Building 168
- 🛹 queer@union.unimelb.edu.au
- 🚯 UMSU Queer
- @UMSUqueer
- 🥝 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/queer





Since you liked Queer you might like:

# **Queer Space**







# Joobon Kim, Caleb William Jarcevic, Justine Light Pre De Guzman & Tirion Luff-White

Southbank Department

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# Southbank

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UMSU Southbank represents students studying at UniMelb's Southbank campus.

Our mission is to ensure that you get the most out of your education and the UMSU community. We advocate on behalf of individual student issues, run campaigns to address broader issues on campus and host events that build community across disciplines.

Your education does not end at the end of your classes. Getting involved in student life helps to build skills, make new friends and have a meaningful impact on the student community.

We run heaps of events including collectives, with lots of free food and other welfare-based initiatives

### CONTACT INFO

**EVENTS** 

Level 2, The Hub Building (above the library!)

COLLECTIVES

- southbank @union.unimelb.edu.au
- 🚯 UMSU Southbank
- @umsu\_southbank
- 🥝 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/southbank



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# Kunal Dewani & Filia Cahyadi

Welfare Department

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# Welfare

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The Welfare Department is an aspect of student unions common across most Australian universities. University students are there to learn and have fun, but this is not possible if a student's welfare is suffering. It is Welfare's job to provide a range of services that cater to the needs of students and maximise health, both physical and mental, for all students and the community.

The Welfare Department provides a broad variety of initiatives, some that are seen on and around campus such as Union Mart (see page 56) and Welfare Brunches, and some that go on behind the scenes, such as advocating for increased mental health care and maximising safety on campus.



The Welfare Department intends to allocate resources to the genuine issues impacting students, such as the rising cost of living, the isolation of moving to a new city/state/ country, and the growing mental health issues that have become all too common.

Our department is in no way perfect, but we intend to serve the needs of students. As your representatives, please reach out to discuss how we can best ensure your welfare at the University of Melbourne.

### CONTACT INFO

- h Level 2, Building 168
- 🚀 welfare@union.unimelb.edu.au
- 🗿 UMSU Welfare
- @umsu\_welfare
- 🥝 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/welfare

Since you liked Welfare you might like:

**Union Mart** 





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# Eya Takrouni & Khwaish Jadeja

# Women's Department

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# Women's

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The Women's Department is your space to feel empowered, informed, and supported throughout your university journey. Here's a glimpse into who we are and how we're here for YOU!

### The Objective: Supporting Women, Raising Voices.

We're about promoting women's rights, raising awareness for female health issues, and making sure all female students feel heard, seen, and understood. From understanding financial independence and career options to building safe places, we are here to help you navigate through these problems and celebrate milestones.

We have an engaging program lineup intended to improve your confidence while also providing you with important skills and information, such as self-defence classes & engaging workshops.

Furthermore, we believe in equality for all female-identifying students.

Because having access to these necessities is a right, not a privilege, we continue to advocate for free period products availability across all university buildings.

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### Join Us and Make a Difference!

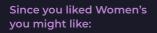
The Women's Department is here for you every step of the way. Whether you're looking for advice, want to study, or simply want to meet like-minded people, here is the place for you to make it happen.

Together, let's make university life safer, inspiring, and memorable. We look forward to seeing you at our events.

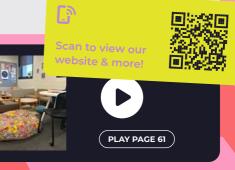
### CONTACT INFO

ACTIVISM

- 🔶 Level 3, Building 168
- 🚀 womens@union.unimelb.edu.au
- () UMSU Women's Department
- @umsuwomens
- 🥝 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/womens



Women's Space



# Support Sessions

# <u>When things aren't going</u> to plan, you have UMSU the best support act.

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# **Advocacy Service**



Usually, you will get along just fine with the University, but every now and then things may not go according to plan. There are quite a few rules that regulate your time as a student, and they can be confusing. If you have a problem with the uni, or the uni has a problem with you, you may want to get advice. That's where we come in.

The Advocacy Service provides expert independent advice on a range of academic and administrative issues that you may face during your time at uni. Graduate, undergraduate, domestic, and international students are welcome to use this free and confidential service. We can assist with:

- Misconduct allegations
- Special consideration disputes
- Academic progress matters
- Academic Board appeals
- Complaints and Grievances
- Supervision/RHD progress issues
- And more...

## **GET IN TOUCH**

If you can't find the answers to your queries in our self-help resources you can get in touch with us online for individual advice.

- A Level 2, Building 168
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/advocacy



If you have a problem with the uni, or the uni has a problem with you, you may want to get advice. That's where we come in.

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# **UMSU Legal Service**



The UMSU Legal Service is a specialist community legal centre that provides free and confidential legal advice and financial counselling to currently enrolled students at UniMelb (that means you!).

Our qualified lawyers can help with issues like:

- Renting
- Employment
- Infringements / fines
- Minor criminal law
- Consumer law
- Car and bike accidents
- Family violence / personal safety
- Oiscrimination
- Sexual harassment
- Debts

### GET IN TOUCH

If you have a legal problem, you can get in touch with us online, or read through our self-help and other legal resources.

umsu.unimelb.edu.au/legal







# Don't give the green light to red flag behaviour.

# Get the tools to intervene, safely.

UMSU has the tools and support you need to safely intervene as a bystander or witness to sexual harm.

Find out more. umsu.unimelb.edu.au/ignore-no-more







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# Sexual Harm Response Coordinators



The UMSU Sexual Harm Response Coordinators work with the UMSU Advocacy service to provide support and advice for victims/survivors of sexual assault and harassment and people who may have observed this behaviour.

They can support you in accessing university services, give independent advice about making a complaint, reporting to the police, accessing support for related academic issues, and accessing other support services. The service is free and confidential. To book an appointment, you can contact the UMSU Sexual Harm Response Coordinators via their contact form or email at **umsushrc@union.unimelb.edu.au** 

### **GET IN TOUCH**

- Room 215, Level 2, Building 168
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/ contact-shrc
- umsu-shrc@ union.unimelb.edu.au

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The SHRC team provides support and advice for victim/survivors and bystanders



**Coming 2025** Follow our socials for release date



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# **UMSU Info Centre**



Ever dreamed of a place where there was no such thing as a silly question? Welcome to UMSU's Info Centre.

Our dedicated team are your oncampus oracles for everything from losing your way, losing your Frank Green drink bottle and even losing your mind a little. The Info Centre fields over 50,000 questions from students just like you EVERY YEAR.



### IS THERE ANYTHING THEY CAN'T DO?

Not much, really. They can even help you with borrowing a picnic rug or eski for your Club, or even a lab coat when yours goes mysteriously missing.

Need to swear a Stat Dec or certified copy? Call for an appointment with our Justice of the Peace.

### WHERE DO I FIND THESE MYSTICAL CREATURES?

### **Primary Location**

- Level 1, Building 168, University of Melbourne
- 8.30am–5pm, Mon–Fri (9am–5pm outside semester)
- 2 (03) 8344 6966
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/info

### **Secondary Location**

- Ground floor, FBE Building, 111 Barry St, University of Melbourne
- I0am–3pm, Mon–Fri (open during semester teaching weeks only)
- 2 (03) 8344 4897

### SUPPORT FREE FOOD VOLUNTEER **Union Mart**



Union Mart was launched by the UMSU Welfare Department as a means of addressing food insecurity on campus. It provides a wide variety of food, drink and household products for free to hundreds of students every week. With the passionate support of over 600 student volunteers, Union Mart has been expanded to combat the increasing pressure of inflation so that all students can have access to the essentials. It is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

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website & more!

Union Mart operates upon a noquestions-asked honesty system. We ask that students take what they need as opposed to what they want. Our product range is largely determined by what we can source at the lowest prices, however, we acknowledge that the University of Melbourne is home to a diverse range of cultures and so we intend to cater to the widest range of diets possible to ensure that all members of our community have access to what they need.

### **FIND OUT MORE**

- Inion Mart (G30, Building 1888)
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/ union-mart
- ✓ union-mart@ union unimelbedu au

necessities Union Mart is here to help!

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# **Autonomous Spaces**

### DISABILITIES LOUNGE

🛖 Room 304, Level 3, Building 168

The Disabilities Lounge is a space for you to rest and replenish energy! A refuge where the doors are always open and bean bags are always fluffed. This space is packed with low-fi sensory activities, low light and low noise, perfect for taking a deep breath.

UMSU Disabilities run collectives and lunches in this space, as well as a range of other fantastic events. Plus, you can also come and utilise the reading corner and kitchen spaces which includes a microwave and minifridge.

This space is run by UMSU Disabilities. You can read about all the other things they do on Page 24.



Since you liked Disabilities Lounge you might like:

Disabilities Department





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### UMSU INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE

Room 106, Level 1, Building 168

The International Lounge is where the UMSU International team and our International Student Ambassadors plan, prepare, and bring to life the many events you know and love! The lounge is always open, so if you need any help with anything related to being an international student, feel free to drop by and say hi!

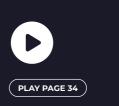
Whether you're an undergraduate, graduate, study abroad, or exchange student, be sure to stop by the lounge and meet the UMSU International team! Their offices are right next door.



Since you liked UMSU International Lounge you might like:

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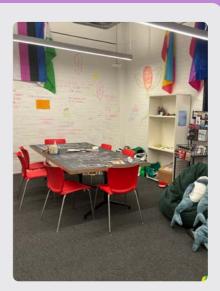
# **Autonomous Spaces**

## QUEER SPACE

Room 305, Level 3, Building 168

The Queer Space is a vibrant place for you to sit with your flock, or flamingle on your own, in a safe space on campus that's just for you. There's tea, coffee, snacks, pads and tampons, condoms, lube, dental dams, and info on queer support services. Come by to relax, hang out with other queer and questioning students, eat lunch or study in this autonomous space.

This space is run by UMSU Queer department, find out more about what they do on page 40.



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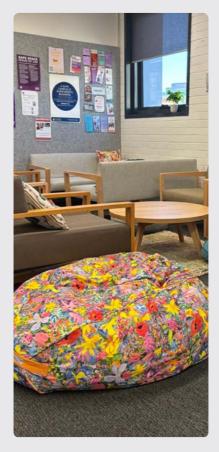
### WOMEN'S SPACE

Room 306, Level 3, Building 168

Looking for a safe space only for women on campus? Come by to the Women's Space to relax away from the hustle and bustle of campus. You're welcome to come and chill-out here alone, or with friends — you could even meet some new ones while you're at it!

The space is furnished with comfortable seating and packed with helpful information about available services. You'll also find a sandwich press, microwave, and fridge—perfect for when you're planning ahead and bringing lunch from home. Plus, we've got you covered with **free period products** (pads and tampons) and **safe sex supplies** (condoms, lube, and dental dams). Please note that all bathrooms in Building 168 are covered with period products.

Everything you need to feel supported and at ease. Come check it out — we can't wait to welcome you!



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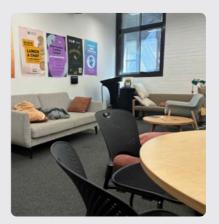
# **Autonomous Spaces**

## POC SPACE

Room 307, Level 3, Building 168

The POC space is for all students of colour to come by, relax, regroup and find their vibe on campus. Meet new people, chill by yourself, join Collectives and other fun events in a safe space BY POC, FOR POC.

This space is run by the UMSU People of Colour Department, find out more about what they do on Page 38.





People of Colour Department





### SAFE SPACE MAKE FRIENDS CHILL OUT Volunteering (V-Hive)



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Want to make friends and make a difference? Look no further than the **UMSU Volunteering Department!** 

Join the team and unlock exclusive access to the V-Hive, where we are all busy being the bee's knees of getting involved on campus.



We have a wide range of opportunities for you to get involved in:

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- Speed Friending
- Exam Support Program
- Academic Misconduct Committee
- Union Mart
- and so much more!

Plump up your CV, gain golden life experience and feel dang good about doing it. Not to mention, every hour you spend volunteering with us earns you big points towards your Melbourne Plus certification!

See what all the buzz is about and sign up via our website today!

# **CONTACT INFO:**

- A V-Hive (Room 302, Level 3, Building 168)
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/volunteer
- ✓ volunteering@ union unimelb edu au

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# Behind the Beat

Make your own kind of music! Take the stage, submit a piece, meet like-minded people, and unleash your creativity.

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# **Union House Theatre**

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Are you looking to unleash your creativity, make fun theatre and find lifelong friends? Lucky for you, because you've just landed on the right page!

Union House Theatre is the hub of extracurricular student theatre on University of Melbourne Parkville campus. We program a range of theatrical activities including shows, workshops, professional pathways, mentorships, residencies, and more. UHT also supports 25 autonomous student theatre groups as they produce their own productions in the state-of-the-art Guild and Union Theatres. Whether you like to perform or want to be a playwright, director, backstage crew, designer, producer, choreographer, or dancer, you can audition or volunteer with one of the 25 student theatre groups and learn as you go. It's a fantastic way for you to find new skills and meet new people. And who knows, you might discover your own unique strength along the way!

Many of the students that get involved in Union House Theatre come to us with little to no experience and leave with industry skills, confidence, creativity, and great memories. So, make sure o view our full program at **umsu.unimelb.edu.au/theatre** and get involved. We are excited to meet you.





# VENUES

Union House Theatre presents shows in two theatres in the Arts & Cultural Building: **Union Theatre** & **Guild Theatre.** 

We host student productions, workshops, and performances throughout the year, including plays, musicals, dance, physical theatre, and comedy.

Both the Union and Guild Theatres are wheelchair accessible for patrons and you'll find Auslaninterpreted, captioned, relaxed, and/or audio described productions each semester.

## CONTACT INFO

- Level 3, Arts & Cultural Building (Building 159)
- 2 (03) 8344 6975
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/theatre
- ᆀ uht@union.unimelb.edu.au
- Onion House Theatre
- @ @unionhousetheatre



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# **George Paton Gallery**

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UMSU has plenty of opportunities for you to get creative, whatever you study.

Running since 1975, the George Paton Gallery is a contemporary art gallery that presents projects by University of Melbourne students throughout the year.

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

learn something new at one of the Creative Workshops they're all FREE!

exhibition at the Gallery or

Come by and see an

The Gallery also runs a 'Creative Workshops' program, which sees a variety of distinguished professional practitioners lead creative arts workshops. The workshops are open and applicable to all skill levels, and provide a fun. recreational space to explore new skills and ideas.

So come by and see a show at the Gallery or learn something new at thev're all FREE!

### **OPENING HOURS**

- 🛖 Level 1, Arts & Cultural Building
- Open: Mon-Fri 11am-5pm

### **CONTACT INFO**

- 2 (03) 8344 5418
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/gallery
- gpg@union.unimelb.edu.au
- George Paton Gallery
- @ @georgepatongallery





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# Arts Lab



The Arts Lab is an open-access art studio for creative activity. It's an ideal space for individuals and groups to get together to embark on a creative project – whether this be the building of simple props and sculpture, painting projects, theatre set design, craft or drawing.

Think of your old art classroom but there's no overbearing teacher telling you what to do. It's equipped with large movable tables, artist easels and an array of essential art materials.

Located next to the George Paton Gallery, you can book this FREE space for any arts-related activities during semester via the form on our website.

# CONTACT INFO

- 🛖 Level 1, Arts & Cultural Building
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/arts-lab





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### MAKE FRIENDS

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# **Rowden White Library**



Don't let the name fool you the Rowden White Library (aka the Rowdy) is NOT for studying. It's the ultimate oasis from the stresses of uni life.

The Rowdy is a welcoming place with all sorts of fun things to switch-off from study and relax.

We've got comfy couches and some luxurious bean bags for relaxing in if you need a break. There's always new stuff to borrow, and it's all **FREE!** 

Here's a peek at some of the things you'll find inside:

- Diverse range of books (fiction, sci-fi/fantasy, crime, romance, non-fiction)
- eResources (books, magazines newspapers, audiobooks)
- Magazines and Comics (manga, superheroes, graphic novels)
- Gaming computers & VR headsets
- PlayStation 5 & Nintendo Switches
- Colouring-in sheets
- Puzzles and Boardgames

- Chargers for phones and tablets
- Two big TV screens

Look out for our schedule of amazing workshops and events throughout semester. Led by industry professionals, they're a great way to learn new skills, make friends, and take a break from the uni grind.

Come and explore this cosy space but **PLEASE DO NOT STUDY!** 

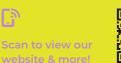
### **OPENING HOURS**

Ouring semester: Monday to Friday, 9am–7pm

End of semester (Winter & Summer): Monday to Friday, 10am–6pm

### CONTACT INFO

- Level 2 & 3, Student Pavilion (Building 162)
- 2 (03) 8344 6967
- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/library
- ✓ rwl@union.unimelb.edu.au
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## **AVMelbourne**



AVM are your in-house specialists for live production within events. AVM staff have extensive experience in all things sound, lighting, staging, projection and more!

AVM also hire sound and lighting systems, projectors and screens. Check out the AV web page to make a booking enquiry.

#### CONTACT INFO

- Level 1, Building 168 (next to Info Centre)
- 2 (03) 8344 4830
- avm.unimelb.edu.au
- 🔰 info@avm.unimelb.edu.au





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Farrago, meaning "a confused mixture", gestures toward the eclectic nature of student media. Farrago was established in 1925 and now, standing as Australia's oldest student publication, upholds its century-long legacy as it publishes student journalism and creativity.

As "media" itself has changed over the last 100 years, *Farrago* has inevitably undergone myriad transfigurations. Yet it continues to capture the historical moment, providing snapshots of campus creativity, news and discourse.

If you haven't encountered a copy of this fine publication, you soon will. *Farragos* are free and available at stands all around the Parkville campus. Farrago can only maintain it's legacy by publishing new, weird and provoking works. So, Farrago is always accepting cold submissions and if you're interested in joining our team, keep an eye out for our next application round.

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Send enquiries to: editors@farragomagazine.com

#### CONTACT INFO

- Room 412, Level 4, Building 168
- editors@farragomagazine.com
- farragomagazine.com
- Farrago Magazine
- ⊘ X ¥ @farragomagazine



## **Radio Fodder**

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Radio Fodder is UniMelb's online student radio station, brought to you by the Media Department. With "fodder" being the English translation of "farrago", Radio Fodder is part of the Media Department's proud tradition of diverse student output.

Find Radio Fodder's schedule on its socials and in the latest edition of *Farrago*.

If you're interested in music, broadcast or production, get involved! Record your show in our studio before relaxing in our social green room.

Get in touch at managers@ radiofodder.com The Radio Fodder backlog is available at: **mixcloud.com/** RadioFodder

#### CONTACT INFO

Room 404, Level 4, Building 168

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- Radio Fodder
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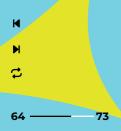
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# Your Daily Mix

<u>There's always something</u> to do, see, or get involved in on campus! From classic haunts to hidden gems, come on and feel the noise.







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## The Campus Coffee Chart for the Compulsively Caffeinated

Written by Azalea Rohaizam and Tommy Hill

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## CASTRO'S KIOSK

Cute little kiosk attached to the Physics South building, this cafe is always buzzing with life and is renowned for the friendly service.

HIN WE LIKE From minty mochas to butterscotch banana hot chocs, Castro's extensive drinks menu ensures that there's a drink for you. Also, Azalea's favourite pick!

Tucked away and built into the exterior of the John Medley Building, this vibrant little cafe

South Lawn.

can be found on the Pathway which traverses the exterior of

else needs to be said?

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#### HOUSE OF CARDS

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Cosy wooden shack found on Engineering Lane next to the Old Eng Building, HoC has the most unique ordering experience on campus.

why we like They have a second location in Building 168 too!

**AXIL COFFEE** 

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Within WEBS lies Axil, coffee connoisseurs and the business that is home to the reigning Barista World Champion.

#### WHY WE LIKE Jaffles!!!!!

#### DR DAX

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Within the DAX Centre, Dr Dax has the most ample room, indoor seating and food options of the campus cafes.

🐞 WHY WE LIKE Good music and

#### SCHOLAR AND CO

Conveniently located right next to Stop 1, it is the best place to grab a coffee and a muffin before sorting out your administrative woes.

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## LITTLE MYLK BAR

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An unassuming little trailer located in the courtyard between MSD and the old union building, this unique cafe delivers wholesome vegan treats and

• WHY WE LIKE Entirely vegan!

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Unassumingly found down some stairs near the Grainger Museum and Melba Hall Music Building, this welcoming cafe has a radiant aura, great coffee and often the music to match!

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A cafe with a futuristic appearance, reminiscent of a spaceship's control deck, St. Ali is found along Monash Road

Student Pavilion!

go-to for me.

directly adjacent to the new

why we like A range of Italian

takeaway meals! Personally,

the mini-pizzas are a regular

HOHO'S CANTEEN

• why we like Tommy's personal favourite coffee

#### STANDING ROOM

Situated snugly on the outskirts of the MSD, Standing Room offers pastries and coffees galore. Despite the name, there is actually outdoor seating to utilise on the less tempestuous Melbourne days.

why we like Best almond

## IDA BAR

The Ida's long awaited re-opening is finally here! With a brand new cosy interior designed by awardwinning architecture firm Sibling, delicious all-day food service, and some of Melbourne's finest coffee and beer, it's set to be your new favourite hangout!

H WHY WE LIKE Affordable prices, funky architecture, UMSU-owned NEW! & operated!

#### JOURNEYS' CAFE 🔊 🗊 🗊

Journey's Cafe is hidden away in a corner of the fourth floor of the Student Pavilion. This charming cafe offers a diverse menu, cheap coffee and a quiet getaway from the hustle and bustle of university life.

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## IDA BAR

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The Ida Bar is your go-to spot for good food, bevs, and chill hangouts.

Freshly decked out on Level 1 of Building 168, the Ida Bar exists to provide students with a place to let loose and relax with some of Melbourne's finest food and drinks, with affordability as a focus.

Come by for all-day food service for breakfast, lunch and dinner. It's set to be your favourite new hangout on campus.

Check out the menu and opening hours!

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- umsu.unimelb.edu.au/ida-bar



Check out our menu online for great food at affordable student prices.

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## Best places to chill out on campus

by Surabhi Mishra

One certainty about your life at uni is that there will be times where it (exams, essays, extensions and existential dread) all becomes too much. This will happen, but there are things you can do now to cushion your crash landing.

Pick an afternoon — perhaps an hour between or around classes and make an investment in Future You's mental health by taking a walk through this map of quiet little corners on campus: First up on the list is a place that I incorrectly assumed "wasn't meant for me" (spoiler: it is, because it's meant for everyone). After far too long I discovered the lounge set up on Level 3 of Building 168 by UMSU Disabilities. It's a space for anyone (including <your name>!) who could use a low-light, low-noise lounge to have a minute to recalibrate your brain (or take a cheeky nap).

**Bonus tip:** While you're in the area, check out any of the autonomous lounges that are applicable to you (Queer, Women's and POC).

Next up is, of course, the Rowden White Library (aka The Rowdy) on Levels 2 & 3 of the Student Pavilion. You may have heard about its TWO beanbag rooms

already — which are pretty fantastic admittedly — but, if you're lucky, you may be able to snag the beanbag in the corner nook on Level 2. It's isolated and has a people-watching view over Monash Road.

Lightning round of chill out spaces:

- The rainforest nook in Systems Garden — I HIGHLY recommend checking this out!
- Arts West beanbags & windowbed Levels 2–4
- The Arts Hall on Level 1 of Old Arts
- The Baillieu Library basement
- 🔮 The Ida Bar

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## Best study spots on campus

by Alicia Savy

Considering essential criteria such as - vicinity to quality beverages? Estimated productivity levels? Comfort of seating?

This shortlist will give you the ultimate rundown on vour study spots in the sometimesoverwhelming expanse of the University.

GLYN DAVIS DESIGN BUILDING 🐞 PROS This building has it all – a quiet library to the side replete with excellent swivel chairs, lots of tables and communal style spaces and personal desk spaces. The ambience is soothing and less confronting than the Baillieu. The main section of the building has (to be expected) gorgeous interior design with a staircase spiralling the perimeter and all sorts of nooks and crannies on every corner.

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## BAILLIEU LEVEL 2

PROS This one's for the Arts students! Super quiet so you're likely to have a productive study session. Simply being in the Baillieu will instantly make vou feel like an intellectual as you are surrounded by books - not only enhancing the dark academia aesthetic vibes but also providing easy access to essay resources! Professor's Walk also right downstairs with an excellent excuse for a study break - personal favourite is a latte and veggie focaccia.

🖷 cons Can be intimidating as a first year (but also scares you into studying so I consider this a pro). Risk of being death-stared when making even the quietest whisper. Also note — if the Arts student dress code scares you, this is not the place to be (Doc Martens a condition of entry).

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## BAILLIEU BASEMENT

PROS Underrated despite its slightly unnerving tenor. Perfect space when you want to 'study' aka just goss with friends.

Cons Dungeon-like ambience can be terrifying if you stray too far down the bookshelves. Potential ghosts lurking around the corners. In more practical terms – there are maybe only terms – there are maybe only THREE POWERPOINTS on the entire floor so good luck if you're running out of charge.

## LAW BUILDING

**the PROS** You'll feel like a Suits character and honestly there's not much that's more motivational than that. Seven Seeds (best coffee in Melbourne) a five-minute walk away (trust me it's worth it).

To be expected, but... intimidating presence of post-grad law students. Also segregated from the main part of campus (except if you're a Commerce student)!

## ARTS AND CULTURAL BUILDING

PROS Variety of comfy seating on group tables, secluded corners and lounge style couches. Cosy atmosphere and bright, colourful aesthetic. Excellent vending machine on the bottom floor with a high-quality supply of affordable drinks and snacks.

**te cons** Not enough seats and nearly impossible to find a spot if it's SWOTVAC season. Also lacking the Hogwarts vibes of the main Arts precinct. BAVID CARO PHYSICS BULLDING (BOTTOM FLOOR) BULLDING (BOTTOM FLOOR) We prose This is a niche one, but a lite secluded and a bit more avite secluded and a bit more avite secluded and a bit more private than a library! There are private than a library! There are avite secluded and a bit more tables tucked around corners tables tucked around corners tables tucked around corners and if you can snag the could and if you can snag the could and if you can be a soothing study and if you can snag the could section it can be a soothing study and if you can snag the could section it can be a soothing study and if you can snag the could section it can be a soothing study and if you can snag the could section it can be a soothing study and if you can snag the could section it can be a soothing study and if you can snag the could section it can be a soothing study and if you can snag the could section it can be a soothing study PLAYLIST

# It's brutal out here!

<u>We know being a student</u> <u>can be challenging. So,</u> <u>we've compiled our hottest</u> <u>tracks to ensure you not</u> <u>only survive but thrive this</u>





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## Making Friends – How the f\*ck do you make friends at uni?

by Dom Lepore

When starting uni, perhaps the most daunting thing is making friends. It's almost miraculous, occurring when you least expect it. When I began studying after a gap year, I wasn't in the best position. My high school friends were already busybodies, having settled into their study routines. Meanwhile, I was basically alone, entering this new journey with few supportive crutches. My reservedness certainly didn't help either—I'm sure many others are struggling to cross that hurdle too!

## 44 New friends appear whenever you're not expecting it!

So, what gives? How did I go about befriending other students, when it seemed like all odds were against me? Truthfully, it came down to putting myself out there. Again, new friends appear whenever you're not expecting it!

There are so many little things you can do that'll lead to lasting connections. The UMSU Host Program? Every new student is in the same boat: practically everyone is a stranger. Once my tour group split apart, the person I was with ended up being a helpful study buddy across my first semester. How about the tutes? It might not sound surprising, but talking with the first student you sit next to can go a long way. From experience, it reaps rewards. After exchanging socials—a must—l've been dragged to lunches, study sessions, and parties with new-found friends who I thought I'd only see during the semester.

Your approach and determination to engage with new people play into making friends. For me, that initially seemed dire since I was unsure about my nervous traits. However, all the new people that you meet won't have a clue about who you are. The greatest advantage is in your hands: a first impression. Therefore, if you want lasting uni pals, the best thing to do is to seize that very opportunity!

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## Things I wish I knew before starting uni

by Maleeka Quick

Despite there usually being significantly fewer classes than there ever were in secondary school, you'll be covering a lot more content in your university subjects. The onus is on you to keep up with everything and I recommend summarising content at the end of each week. When you suddenly have three assignments due in the same week, it won't feel like such a scramble to collect your thoughts together.

As you start to complete your first few assignments, your results may surprise you. Perhaps you've never seen a score that low before during secondary school, let alone in what you thought was your best subject. Unless you've found yourself losing passion for this area of study, don't take this as a sign that you need to change your future study plans.

There are plenty of learning curves in first year subjects as you adapt to the different learning and assessment formats. This will get better over time, but also make sure to seek assistance and learn from your mistakes. Other students in your classes may seem to be having an easier time of things but understand that everyone comes to university with different learning backgrounds. Refrain from comparing yourself to others and don't let this sway you from your goals.

It may be tempting to study everyday (especially when the tasks start to pile up), but I'd recommend planning days off from study at least once every other week. It's really important to give yourself a mental break during the semester to ensure you don't get burnt out by the time exams and final assessments come along.

## <sup>44</sup> University is important, but your mental well-being is even more important. <sup>33</sup>

Take the time to meet new friends, go to that interesting club event, or pursue a new volunteering opportunity! The UMSU Advocacy Service offers independent, expert advice and referral across a range of academic and administrative issues.

Our service can assist with:

- Misconduct allegations
- Special consideration disputes
- Academic Progress
- Academic Board appeals
- Complaints and Grievances
- Supervision/RHD progress issues

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# Applying for a rental property

Advice from UMSU Legal

Lots of students are applying for rental properties at the start of the year. Knowing some of the basics of your rights and responsibilities in a rental property can help prevent problems later.

## WHEN APPLYING FOR A RENTAL PROPERTY:

- Beware of rental scams! Be cautious of accommodation found on social media, and always inspect the property in person before paying any money or signing a rental agreement
- You are protected from discrimination on the basis of certain protected attributes including your race, gender and sexuality
- Agents and rental providers cannot ask or suggest you pay more than the advertised rent
- If you pay a deposit then don't sign a rental agreement, you are entitled to a refund
- All properties must comply with the rental minimum standards, including having a fixed heater and being free from mould related to the building structure

## WHEN STARTING YOUR RENTAL AGREEMENT:

- If you pay a bond, it must be lodged with the Residential Tenancies Bond Authority (RTBA) within 10 business days
- You should also receive 2 copies of a condition report – make your own notes on the report about anything you disagree with, keep a copy, and return this to your agent/rental provider within 5 business days
- Take photos of the condition of the property before you move your belongings in, and keep these somewhere safe until the end of your lease

#### **GET HELP & MORE RESOURCES**

Having an issue while renting? You can contact the UMSU Legal Service online to get free and confidential legal help with renting problems.

UMSU Legal Service: umsu.unimelb.edu.au/lega

Tenants Victoria: tenantsvic.org.au

Consumer Affairs Victoria: consumer.vic.gov.au SUPPORT )( UNI LIFE

## Returning to study: Advice for mature-aged & grad students

by Duc Binh Tran

#### EMBRACING THE JOURNEY OF MATURE-AGED & GRAD STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE

The return journey to academia as a graduate student at the University of Melbourne is a path brimming with enriching experiences and unique challenges. As a fellow traveller on this journey, I've discovered the multi-faceted nature of this experience, from the joy of pursuing next-level knowledge to the challenge of work-life-study balancing. So, let me guide you through this exciting adventure in the next few words!



#### THE BEST THINGS ABOUT BEING A GRADUATE STUDENT

Graduate students are not only learners but also active contributors to the intellectual community. We both receive and give away valuable experiences and perspectives that enrich classroom discussions and research. Thanks to frequent engagement with leading academic and industrial professionals, we get many chances to broaden our network while deepening our knowledge. Indeed, graduate student life brings about a lot of new career opportunities and great friendships that go beyond our expectations.

Besides, student life is not just about studying and developing, but also about enjoying "student" things. Amazing clubs, activities and events at UniMelb will bring back the long-lost fun of being a student again!

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## SOME CHALLENGES – SOME SOLUTIONS

The biggest challenges of graduate students often lie in juggling multiple responsibilities managing family, work, and study simultaneously. Fortunately, as mature-aged students, we have professional skills, life experiences, and personal maturity to tackle such issues effectively. What you need may simply be a smart plan to allocate your time appropriately. For example, I always plan my weekly activities and set my own deadlines before the semester kicks in.

Besides academic challenges, you may meet other issues like financial hardships, cultural barriers or mental health problems, but remember that the supportive community of UniMelb are always here to help!

#### SOME WORDS OF WISDOM TO CONCLUDE

Returning to study is a bold step - one that promises growth, challenges, and rewards. As you embark on this journey at the University of Melbourne, you are not just gaining an education; you are shaping your future and the community around you. Just let your unique adventure begin with an open heart and mind, and everything will be alright!



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## A non-exhaustive list of student discounts

by Chelsea Daniel



Finding a good student discount is a game-changer when you want to experience the luxuries of life. This guide isn't just the basics that every publication seems to push like, we already know that Spotify does student discounts — this guide also includes that extra little bit that some of us only learn about halfway through our final year, or from scrolling down to a Reddit post from 2016.

#### TECH

Yes, you can get discounts on Macbooks and receive a voucher on purchase if you go through the Apple Store, but you also have some other tech options by virtue of being a student from UniMelb.

**VPN:** UniMelb has the option to download a VPN for free, which I would definitely recommend. You can access Library stuff and other university resources away from campus for academic purposes, but you can also use it in other VPNfriendly ways!

#### COFFEE!

Even if you're one of those people who say, "oh, I don't drink coffee!" when people ask to get coffee with you, there will be a time when you're desperately searching for a caffeine hit during Sem 1 SWOTVAC and the rainy weather is making you in need of a nap.

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Aperitivo Bar: On Lygon street, this lovely place is right near Readings and offers a lovely student discount. This already affordable bar offers a discount if you bring a student card, but they also have been known to accept proof via logging into your student portal infront of them.

**Carte Crepes:** Carte Crepes has a lot of partnerships with different student clubs and societies, especially faculty societies. By being a member of participating student clubs, you can get a discount by flashing your membership card on the phone wallet app.



#### HEALTH

Is your local no longer bulk billing? Well, Uni does have a solution for that! If vou're a domestic student with a medicare card, you can access the UniMelb Health Service with no up-front cost! And if you're an international student, the fees are still way cheaper than other clinics. Usually, wait times are pretty good, and they can even set up things like your mental health care plan and refer you to specialists in the area who are used to dealing with students. This can come with perks. like knowing how to fill out a special consideration form or even offering a student discount!

Other health services at UniMelb are also discounted. UniMelb has a dental clinic and an optometrist for any discounted needs. While cheaper in-house psychology and psychiatry is available, it is an incredibly long wait time, so see if your GP can refer you to one near the university.

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### ARTS AND CULTURE

The University has a lot of discounts available for all the fun arts events you can find around the city.

**The NGV:** The NGV has a discounted membership available for UniMelb students. You can attend exclusive events, priority exhibition entry and sometimes receive free exhibition tickets.

**Festivals:** The University has previously provided free tickets or priority access to different sessions at art festivals within the city. Festivals like the Melbourne International Film Festival, Melbourne Writers Festival, Melbourne Women in Film Festival, etc, all have previously made deals with the university. The university will regularly email whenever a festival is on, so keep an eye out!

#### THE MOVIES!

Many cinemas have student discounts, both through discounts for university students on specific days, and through memberships which give you further discounts later.

The best discount can be found at Lido's on Wednesdays, only \$8 a ticket for students. But, if Hawthorn is too far for you, Palace Cinemas' student discount for members is only \$10 a ticket. If that is still too expensive, do not worry, because the best cinema in Melbourne has an even bigger discount. Cinema Nova has cheaper tickets on Mondays before 4PM at \$7, and \$10 after.

In 2022, they had an additional discount on Wednesdays specifically for UniMelb students, with tickets being \$7 before 4, and \$10 after. Keep an eye out for this year to see if they bring that back.

The university also gives you free access to platforms like Kanopy, which has some excellent stuff. You can also access Mubi for cheaper by creating an account with your student password.

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UMSU has a huge range of events and services for you to enjoy, and almost everything is FREE (or super cheap), including:

- Free food, including breakfasts, lunch BBQs and free groceries from Union Mart
- Free live music gigs and entertainment on campus
- A free legal and advocacy service
- Free workshops on writing, art, theatre and more!



Love the sound of free food, exciting events, exclusive workshops, and valuable resources?

Don't miss out—be part of something bigger!

**Join UMSU now!** 





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## Diary of an international student

by Jiaqi Guo



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G'day, mates! It's been nine months in Melbourne, and I'm still decoding the mystery of its weather. It's like a KFC family bucket, offering spring, summer, autumn, and winter all in one day. I never know if the next second will be a surprise or a shock, so, please always bring an umbrella with you. It is a good call in this city.

Switching to Aussie English was like thinking I was fluent in a game and then realising I had changed servers. No worries, though! Even native English speakers from other places need time to decipher the Aussie lingo. Don't be shy to speak English and remember, people here are understanding — they'll catch your drift.

When it comes to housing, it's a real-life game. No bank statement, no house, and most apartments are unfurnished. So, if you're fresh off the plane and lacking even a bank card, opting for fully furnished accommodation can make life so much easier.

Public transport in Melbourne has taught me a lot of lessons. Like, I've learned to embrace the early bird life due to the unpredictable delays, but it is a good change, right? Just some tips: ring that tram/bus bell, and don't forget to press the dooropening buttons on trains, or you might end up like me—standing in front of a closed door like a muggle who didn't know the opening spell. Public transport here is a bit like a fancy restaurant; it costs more than you'd expect. Get yourself a Myki monthly card if you travel a lot. Just a heads up, undergrads can get some concession, but me...ok, I will just stop here, as age is a secret.

Melbourne is like a cultural buffet, and that is what I adore. No one cares about your accent, and you won't be judged for what you are wearing. I always believe that if there are aliens among us, Melbourne is their go-to spot. I can already imagine them joining seagulls in a fierce battle for fish and chips. Wow, what a wonderful world it will be!

All in all, fellow rookies, I believe you'll soon find Melbourne to be your home away from home. Cheers to more adventures and fewer closed train doors!



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## Navigate Melbourne

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** 

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 UniMelb 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, you'll find plenty of bike paths around, as well as plenty of places to park your bike too.



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## **Discover 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.

**44** There's truly something for everyone! If you're a fan of arts and culture, this city has plenty to offer. **1** 

During your time here, you'll likely develop a taste for good coffee and brunch. With plenty of cute cafés 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 trendy bars and traditional pubs. 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 whatson.melbourne.vic.gov.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! T'S BRUTAL OUT HERE!

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## Tips for Regional Students

by Emily Macfarlane

Being a student commuting from Regional Victoria can often feel like being left in the lurch as if almost every aspect of uni life is exclusively catered to those who live right by campus. Luckily, you tend to pick things up along the way, even if it seems too late. To make your life a tad bit easier, here are my top three tips for regional commuters:

## 1. If you're eligible for an AAP, get one ASAP

Academic Adjustment Plans (AAP) can be a lifesaver! Now, you don't qualify for one solely because you live regionally, but I recommend checking to see if you are eligible for one (e.g., disabled, carer, religious, etc.).

## 2. Do you really need to do four subjects a semester?

If you're a domestic student, dropping down to three subjects a semester (37.5 credit points) still counts as full time but means that you're going to have a way more cruisy semester, even though it may add another year to your course. This could also mean that maximising your timetable will be much easier! 3. Build in commute fail-safes To be succinct, travelling in Melbourne sucks. I suggest that vou plan ahead for trouble, such as being aware of 'natural' delays (e.g., rain/extreme heat or what days of the week are busier than others) or regularly checking the V/Line and PTV apps or tuning in to the Smooth.fm Melbourne traffic reports if you're driving in. I also advise that you go for a longer but consistent commute over a shorter but riskier one. In my first month of uni, the PTV journey planner had me switch trains at Footscray rather than Southern Cross because it was 10 minutes shorter provided everything was on schedule (rare!) and I am so pleased that I stopped doing that.



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## 2025 Bucket List: How to make the most out of your year!

Make the most of 2025! Whether you're looking to make friends, try new experiences, or just keep those stress levels down, UMSU offers a variety of events and activities all designed to enrich YOUR student experience.

## Ready to take the plunge and have the best year ever? Make sure you:

- Join a club or society (or seven!)
- Attend one of our awesome parties and events!
- Enjoy free food, drinks and entertainment at Bands & Brunches
- Check out UMSU International's annual Night Market
- Be part of a Collective
- Audition for a theatre show
- Attend a creative workshop at Arts Lab
- Visit an exhibition at George Paton Gallery
- Take a much-needed nap on the Rowdy beanbags
- Contribute to *Farrago* Magazine and Radio Fodder.

Join a volunteer program

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- Introduce yourself to your Student Reps!
- Chill out in one of our autonomous spaces
- Attend one of our Speed Friending sessions
- Be a part of Mudfest, our biennial arts festival
- Enjoy a cheeky bev (responsibly) at the brand-new Ida Bar!

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## **Aussie Slang Glossary**

Adjusting to a new country can be very overwhelming on so many levels! Sometimes, it's not easy to tell whether a seasoned Melburnian sitting next to you is actually speaking English at all – don't worry! Here are a few key slang phrases that could help you avoid some mildly awkward situations while you're finding your feet.

## A

**Arvo** Afternoon

**Avo** Avocado

## В

Bail To cancel plans

Barbie Barbecue

Bathers Swimsuit

Bloke A male person

Bloody Very

Bogan An unsophisticated person

Bottle-O A liquor store **Brekky** Breakfast

Brolly Umbrella

## С

Chockers Full

## D

Dag someone who's a bit of a nerd or geek

Daks Trousers

Defs Definitely

**Devo** Devastated

**Dunny** Toilet

## E

Esky

An insulated container that keeps things cold

## F

Flat Out Really busy

Footy Football (AFL / Aussie Rules / Rugby)

## G

G'day Hello

**Going Off** Busy, Lots of people



Heaps Lots, Many

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**Iffy** Bit risky or unreasonable

## J

Jumper A long-sleeved sweater

## L

Lappy Laptop

Lollies Sweets/Candy

## М

Mate Friend

Mozzie Mosquito

## Ν

**No Worries** No problem / It's OK

## 0

**Oi!** Exclamation to get attention

**Outback** The remote interior of Australia

## Р

Pissed Off A curse word way of saying you are very annoyed

Pissed Intoxicated, drunk

Postie Postal delivery worker

## R

Rock up To attend something

**Runners** Trainers / sneakers

## s

Sick Awesome (can also mean unwell, but the slang is the opposite!) Sickie

A sick day off work or school

**Straya** Australia

Sunnies Sunglasses

**Squiz** To have a look at or examine something

## т

**Telly** Television

Thongs Flip flops (shoes)

## U

**U-ee** To make a u-turn when driving



Youse Plural of 'you'

## PLAYLIST

# Wrapping Up

## <u>The bits you should</u> <u>bookmark for</u> <u>throughout the year so</u> <u>you won't miss a thing.</u>

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**Census dates** are important because they are the last date to withdraw from a subject without remaining liable to pay for the subject, and without it appearing on your academic transcript. Every subject offered by the University has a census date. For more information about census dates, withdrawing from a subject or course, please visit: **students.unimelb.edu.au/admin/census-dates** 

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## **Important Contacts**

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#### ON CAMPUS

- Campus Security 8344 6666
- UMSU Info Centre 8344 6966
- University Counselling & Psychological Services (CAPS)
   8344 6927
- University Health Service 8344 6904
- University Safer Community Program 9035 8675
- University Childcare 8344 9621

#### OFF CAMPUS

- 1800RESPECT (National Domestic, Family and Sexual Violence Counselling Service)
   1800 737 732
- Beyond Blue (anxiety and depression support)
   1300 224 636
- Eating Disorders Victoria 1300 550 236

- Emergency Accommodation 13MELB (**13 6352**)
- DirectLine (24-hour drug and alcohol counselling)
   1800 888 236
- Gambler's Help (problem gambling) 1800 858 858
- Headspace (mental and health wellbeing, support, information and services to young people)
   1800 650 890
- Victorian Legal Aid 1300 792 387
- Lifeline (crisis support and suicide prevention) 13 11 14
- MensLine (professional phone and online counselling for men)
   1300 78 99 78
- Police Assistance (nonemergency) 131 444
- Rainbow Door (specialist LGBTQIA+ hotline) 1800 729 367
- Sexual Assault Crisis Support Line (SACL) 1800 806 292
- Suicide Line 1300 651 251

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