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TO MEET
YOU

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UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE
STUDENT UNION

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NICE TO MEET YOU



You are at uni, you made it!

Now sit back and relax with your University of Melbourne Student Union (UMSU). We've been around for over 130 years, so get more out of your time at uni with us!

As a non-profit organisation run by students, for students, we provide funding that keeps the arts, representation, advocacy and cultural services alive and relevant on campus.

**Meet people, get involved and
add some fun to all that learning!**

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PRESIDENT

Hello and welcome!

I'm James Baker, 2016 President of the University of Melbourne Student Union — or UMSU for short (sounds like 'ummm-sue')!

The time that you spend at this wondrous place can be one of the most exciting and fulfilling times of your life. There's so much to get into at the University, and the best opportunities all come from UMSU.

Over 200 Clubs & Societies are affiliated to us — so whether your passion is yoga, Star Trek or learning Italian, you will find friends here. Do you want to get published in a student magazine with 90 years of history? We can help with that too.

Be a part of something bigger by seeking out the Wom*n's department or by joining the Queer Collective. Volunteer with Welfare to look after students who are doing it tough, or use your smarts to tutor VCE students and help the next batch of freshers.

The subjects you study don't define you. The things that make you great are bigger than that. UMSU is the perfect place to find what you care about most, so that you can achieve something incredible.

So why not jump in? You're already here.

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SECRETARY

Welcome to UMSU!

For over 130 years, student representation has been a core part of the student experience at Melbourne. These days, our focus includes defending the quality of our education, supporting students in need and creating a vibrant, inclusive campus life.

As Unimelb loves to remind us, you've come to the most prestigious and highest ranked university in Australia. Unfortunately, this doesn't guarantee a great education experience. Nonetheless, if the Turnbull Liberal Government had their way and deregulated universities, this would mean you'd likely be paying the highest fees in the country. As your UMSU, we stand up for you on these issues.

From working on University committees to taking to the streets, we ensure student voices are heard. Student protests have already succeeded in stopping fee deregulation and funding cuts but with a federal election due this year, now's more important than ever to get involved. The first protest is already being planned by the National Union of Students (NUS) for Wednesday 13 April. Stay tuned for more details.

Beyond this, it's my job to ensure the smooth operation of UMSU, including committees and collectives.

Never forget that this is your student organisation so, if you're looking to get involved or want to know more, come say hi!

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STUDENT REPRESENTATION

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

Overseen by the **Student's Council**, USMU has these departments:

- Activities
- Burnley
- Clubs & Societies
- Creative Arts
- Disabilities
- Education
- Environment
- Indigenous
- International
- Media
- Queer
- Victoria College of the Arts (VCASA)
- Welfare
- Wom*n's

Each department has student representatives and a committee of seven members.



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. USMU also runs the Mentoring Network, throws a bunch of great parties, and makes campus a great place to be.

If you have a great idea for a project, or something is bugging you, pop in to see your student reps! They're on Level 1 of Union House and their contact details are in this guide.

umsu.unimelb.edu.au/represent

What's the deal with elections?

Each September, student elections decide who runs USMU. If you're a student, you're entitled to vote or to run for office. 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. **Voting only takes five minutes.**

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PRESIDENT
James Baker



GENERAL SECRETARY
James Bashford



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Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock



BURNLEY
Eranthos Beretta



CLUBS
Ryan Davey & Yasmine Luu



CREATIVE ARTS
Joshua Lynzaat & Jeanette Tong



DISABILITIES
Jess Kapuscinski-Evans & Christian Tsoutsouvas



EDUCATION ACADEMIC
Tom Crowley & Paul Sakkal



EDUCATION PUBLIC
Akira Boardman & Dominic Cernaz



ENVIRONMENT
Zac Power & Anisa Rogers



INDIGENOUS
Emily Kayte James & Tyson Holloway-Clarke



MEDIA
Caleb Triscari, Danielle Bagnato



MEDIA
Baya Ou Yang & Sebastian Dodds



QUEER
Frances Connors & Lotus Ye



VCASA
Van Rudd



WELFARE
Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang



WOM*NS
Adriana Mellis & Hien Thuc Nguyen

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

4 January – 28 February **Summer term** (8 weeks)

FEBRUARY

23 – 26 February Orientation Week (O Week)

MARCH

29 February – 29 May **Semester 1** (12 teaching weeks)
14 March Labour Day – NOT a University holiday

APRIL

25 March – 3 April Easter Non Teaching Period
25 April Anzac Day – University holiday!

MAY

30 May – 3 June SWOT Vac

JUNE

6 – 24 June **Exams** – good luck!
13 June Queen's Birthday – University holiday!

JULY

4 – 10 July Non-teaching period
8 July Results final release date
14 – 20 July Special/Supplementary Examinations
20 – 22 July Mid Year O Week
25 July – 23 October **Semester 2** (12 teaching weeks)

AUGUST

16 August Open Day

SEPTEMBER

26 September – 2 October Non Teaching Period

OCTOBER

24 – 28 October SWOT Vac
31 October – 18 November **Exams** – good luck!

NOVEMBER

1 November Melbourne Cup Day – NOT a University holiday

DECEMBER

2 December Results final release date
8 – 14 December Special/Supplementary exams

JUMP IN



Participate!

With so many options to choose from, making new friends or getting work experience (for example) is easier than you think.



CLUBS & SOCIETIES

TALENT | CULTURE
AFFILIATION
SPECIAL INTEREST
DIVERSITY

We want to celebrate **YOU!**

You have so many interests, talents and passions, and that is what we love! Why? Because that means you will fit in perfectly with our wonderful Clubs & Societies department — they are as diverse and keen as YOU.

We currently have **over 200 clubs affiliated to UMSU**. You'll find everything from spiritual, cultural and musical clubs — to political and special interest societies and everything in between. Not to mention the clubs specifically tailored for your degrees' faculty or coursework.

Clubs are the easiest way to **meet new people**, enjoy the exciting activities and even score a free feed!

As a department, we support clubs by **providing grants and administrative support**. We are also responsible for affiliating new clubs, so if you can't find what you're looking for, come see us and start your own!

Check out our handy Clubs Guide or the website for a full list of UMSU affiliated clubs. Whatever you decide, we can't wait to meet you. You'll find us regularly at UMSU events — **look for the penguins!**

Ryan Davey & Yasmine Luu

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CREATIVE ARTS

Consider this your invitation...

The Creative Arts department **supports students in making their own art!** We are here for you regardless of your artistic ambition or experience — maybe you're directing your 28th musical, or toying with the idea of wrapping something around a stick just to see what it's like. We are here to help.

So, got an idea for an art project? **Let's make it happen.**

If you want to find out where the theatre is, how to apply for an arts grant, where to find friends (for potential future collaborations of art or maybe just to meet for coffee), how to host a life drawing session, how to get your spoken word out, how to book rehearsal rooms, where to meet cool people who sometimes like to create/talk about/watch art but don't necessarily ask that you do the same thing...

The Creative Arts department is where it's at!

To find out about our events and workshops, check out our website, drop into our office or send us an email.

We look forward to meeting you.

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THEATRE | ART
LIFE DRAWING
MUSICAL
SPOKEN WORD

ENVIRONMENT

SUSTAINABILITY

FOSSIL FREE VEGAN

FIX YOUR BIKE

COMMUNITY GARDEN

CLIMATE CHANGE

The Environment department exists because students play an important role in addressing the concerning realities of climate change and environment degradation.

From supporting action on climate change at a national level to initiating and advocating for increased campus sustainability, **there are so many opportunities to create the change we want to see in the world!**

We run a number of programs and regular events that are about living more sustainably, understanding different environmental issues and learning from one other, as well as hearing from leaders and experts in the environment sector. This includes opportunities to **learn how to fix your own bike** each Tuesday morning and **how to cook (and eat) vegan meals** each Tuesday night, so be sure to keep an eye out for what's on at the Enviro department.

The office supports the Community Garden and the Fossil Free Melbourne University Campaign, which advocates for the University of Melbourne to divest its share portfolio from fossil fuel driven industries. We also seek to support students to **participate in environmental programs outside of the University** or instigate new projects.

Get in touch and come along to one of our events, we look forward to a fantastic year ahead!

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MEDIA

Hey good lookin', if you've got something to say, you've found the right place.

The Media department is **where voices are heard** — whether you're spittin' sick bars into a radio mic or droppin' truth bombs on camera or you'd rather put your soul on paper and express it through colour and shape.

We don't care if you want to rant about chicken nuggets or discuss gender equality, **we just want to tune into your wavelength.**

Here's what we've got for you:

- **Farrago Magazine** — the longest running student publication in Australia; a monthly celebration and dissection of campus, society, culture, science and creative writing, mixed in with art so good your eyes will want to kiss the paper.
- **Farrago Video** — the brand new YouTube channel we want to fill with anything and everything from documentaries and short films to South Lawn seagull montages.
- **Radio Fodder** — our radio station, pumping out sweet tunes and student voices 24/7/365. Spend an hour trying to convince the world that Malcolm Turnbull is a lizard or create a space for robust discussion of society's most important issues.

Now what have you got for us?

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MAGAZINE

VIDEO RADIO

WRITING ARTS

EXPRESSION

VOLUNTEER

UMSU FAMILY

EXAM SUPPORT

HELP TRAINING

OFFER GUIDANCE

BECOME A HOST

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 goes may have and offer advice and guidance to help students get through exam day. The stall also provides 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 trade. If you feel strongly about which is the best lawn to lunch on or the best pub to drink at then take the opportunity to impart your wisdom.

If you want to continue to support a fellow student as they settle into university life beyond O Week, you can **sign up** to be an UMSU Mentor.

The possibilities are endless!

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VCE SUMMER SCHOOL

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.

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!

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 talents – think mad Rubik's cube skills or fluency in French. You can get involved with the (maga)Zine, welfare or activities teams, among others.

More perks? You get free clothes and yummy food! Most of all, VCESS is a massive amount of fun Whether it's at our training camp or at one of our many social events during the year, you're sure to make friends.

If you're interested, email us or fill in the Expression of Interest form at: tutors.vcess.com.au.

We hope to see you next summer!

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SHARE KNOWLEDGE

TUTOR WORKSHOPS

GIVE BACK HELP OUT

TRAINING CAMP

QUEER

PRIDE BALL
SUPPORT GROUPS
QUEER SPACE
LOBBY FOR RIGHTS

This office exists to advocate and offer support for all queer and questioning students, from lobbying for rights with the University to holding support groups and collective meetings.

Hi there! Our names are Frances and Lotus, and we're the student reps for the UMSU Queer department.

This office also runs a **Queer Space**, a room tucked away on Level 3, Union House that is open to all queer students and allies. The space comes stocked with hot chocolate, board games, beanbags, and other amenities for students to **come in and hang out in a safe and welcoming environment**.

This Space also holds weekly activities such as collectives and free lunch events. It is a great way to meet other queer people and find out more about marginalised genders and sexualities.

If you don't have time to drop by, keep an eye out for our campus-wide activities, such as the **O Week picnic** held at the beginning of the year and **Pride Ball**.

More information about the Queer department and what we do can be found at our website and Facebook page, or simply email us.

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WOM*N'S

FEMINIST ACTIVISM
WOM*N'S ROOM
RESOURCES SAFE
ACCESSIBILITY

The Wom*n's department stands up for women students on campus. We work to make Uni a safe place for women, facilitate feminist activism, and, of course, host fabulous events!

Most of our activities take place in the Wom*n's Room, which is an autonomous (women-only) space on Level 1, Union House. This is a place where women can feel comfortable and safe to be themselves and **not have to cater to men**. It's also full of great resources, books and free stuff! Make sure to drop by to check it out, and meet amazing women.

This year we hope to increase the accessibility of the Wom*n's Room, while continuing to **foster a space free from transphobia, racism, ableism and other forms of discrimination**. There will be weekly events, special workshops and the Women's Mentoring Network.

Want to know more?

The Wom*n's and the Wom*n Of Colour's **Collectives** are your opportunity to get involved in the department and in feminist activism. Come have a chat with us.

Hope to see you soon!

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VCASA

FIGHT FOR RIGHTS
FEE DEREGULATION
EQUALITY POLITICS

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 Victorian College of the Arts Student Association (VCASA) is a voice and collective organiser for students at the VCA. We are here to represent you when it comes to how the University operates **(or doesn't) and to fight for your rights.**

Consecutive federal governments have sought to cut funding to universities and pushed horror budgets that have targeted students and the disadvantaged. On top of that, they've pushed for legislation that would deregulate fees resulting in \$100,00 degrees.

Students across Australia have staged strong protests that have resulted in stronger **opposition in the senate. Students have won the first round** against fee deregulation!

We strongly believe that education is a right, not a privilege.

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 organisation is only as strong and vibrant as its members. So come to us with ideas and get involved.

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BURNLEY

GARDENS
HORTICULTURE
BOTANICAL
YARRA RIVER

Though it may be hard to imagine, the University of Melbourne is more than just South Lawn and some buildings that look like Hogwarts.

After a little venture south-east, you'll find a mythical outpost at our Burnley campus, a land mainly occupied by **Horticulture and Environmental Sciences.**

This smaller campus just a few minutes east of the CBD has about 450 students and is situated near the Yarra River on the **heritage-listed Burnley Botanical Gardens.** That's right — you may be pretty chuffed after having discovered the greenery and make-out rotunda at Parkville's hidden System Garden, but the Burnley kids have botanical gardens.

They also have the **same events, clubs and free BBQs** as you do, and it's only going to get better from there.

Our hot tip is to **go mooch off this campus.** You can do it! Get your readings done by the banks of the Yarra. The grass is greener and the water ever so slightly a lighter shade of brown.

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SOCIAL MEDIA

YOU'RE FAMOUS!

NEWSLETTER

#UMSUUNIMELB

We want to make sure that you always get the latest news, first. That's why UMSU and all of our student departments are online to keep you in the loop.

So get involved! Tag your **Instagram** photos with #UMSUunimelb and tell the story of student life through your own eyes. If you're more into **Twitter**, we've got you covered there too.

You're famous! Join the conversation on **Facebook** and find yourself in our regular photo albums. You'll also be the first to know about every event on the calendar, not to mention the free stuff we're always giving away!

If social networking isn't your thing, we'll email the news straight to your inbox. Just like the olden days, **subscribe to our newsletter**.

Find the full list of social media channels, plus all of our student departments, here:

umsu.unimelb.edu.au/socialmedia



NEED HELP

Do you have an issue?

If you have an issue with the University or the University has an issue with you... This guide is a great place to start. We can also help with outside-uni matters too.



ADVOCACY

ASSISTANCE

FREE | ADVICE

REFERRAL

RESOLVE ISSUES

CONFIDENTIAL

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

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.** 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 is available from our Student Services Officer and individual advice is available from an advocate by appointment.

To **make an appointment**, please phone or email us. We can also organise phone or Skype appointments or provide advice via email if this suits you better. Information on some of the key issues we help with is available on our website.

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DISABILITIES

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 those you can't see** 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, to 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 do.

We work behind the scenes to ensure an inclusive, safe, and enjoyable environment for students. 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 discrimination.** It also means campaigning for better services and working to increase awareness.

If you're at all curious about what we do, please contact us for more information or just say hi!

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DISCRIMINATION

MENTAL | PHYSICAL

ACCESSIBILITY

MAKE LIFE EASIER

NEURODIVERSITY

EDUCATION ACADEMIC

COURSE INFO
ACADEMIC POLICY
UNIVERSITY ADMIN
ADVOCACY
STUDENT SUPPORT

Confused by your course? Encountered an administrative problem you don't know how to solve? We're the department for you.

Education Academic focuses on all things course-related. There are two sides to this: Student-facing and University-facing.

We provide info and advice for students on **academic-related issues**. Navigating the wild world of subject enrolment, assessment submission and degree completion can be difficult and even overwhelming, and it's hard to get the right help. We can answer your questions or point you in the right direction.

We also produce the **Counter Course Handbook**; an honest, student written guide that tells you what you really want to know about subjects.

On the **University-facing side**, we work with the University by sitting on all of its decision making bodies. This ensures all decisions are in students' best interests. You can even join our Student Representative Network to push for positive changes for students. Recently, for example, Education officers secured compulsory lecture recordings.

This year, **we will focus on better feedback from both assessments and subject evaluation surveys**. We'd also love to hear about the issues that matter to you, so we can pursue them in the right places.

Uni can be a confusing place. We're here to clear it up and to **make sure it works for you**.

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EDUCATION PUBLIC

ADVOCACY
ACTION GROUPS
INCREASE VISIBILITY
VITAL SERVICES
CAMPAIGN LEGAL

The role of Education Public department is to provide a forum in which students can fight for change in both university and wider society.

UMSU and the Education office have been active in winning the fight against fee deregulation — but it may not be over.

There is anticipation over an attack on the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). This fee is a small payment that funds a **range of vital services** for students such as free legal and advocacy services, clubs and societies on campus, BBQs and student representation. Without SSAF, the most vulnerable students will be disadvantaged.

Higher education is in the spotlight. The Liberal's plan to deregulate university fees allowing for \$100,000 degrees failed twice in the senate. Now there is no government commitment to secure funding and increase accessibility to universities. Now it is more important than ever for student voices to be heard!

We will strive to **become as visible as possible**, running engaging and creative campaigns that educate and motivate.

If you're concerned about your education and would like to get involved, we have an **Education Action Group** for student activists. In this space you will meet other like-minded activists to share skills, plan campaigns and get creative with banner and sign making.

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INDIGENOUS

INDIGENOUS COHORT

ADVICE | GETAWAYS

MEDIA LIBRARY

CATCH UPS

This year, we as the Indigenous student reps are excited to be representing one of the largest Indigenous cohorts Uni has seen!

If you're an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student you can look forward to fortnightly catch ups with a whole range of awesome events planned, from **laser tag, to dinner and drinks at local venues**. We've got a **brand new media library** with DVDs featuring the likes of Black Comedy and a wide range of academic sources that includes the complete collection of Aboriginal History Journal.

We're keen to be heading off to **National Indigenous Tertiary Education Games** midway through the year, so stay tuned for more info about that! There's also a couple of **weekend getaways** to Country planned (in conjunction with Murrup Barak Institute) that we should all be excited about!

We have a whole range of knowledge about services available to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander youth in Melbourne and surrounding areas. So if you ever want a chat, need a hand with anything, advice, or some support, feel free to drop past our office. Look for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander flags in the window!

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LEGAL

The UMSU Legal Service provides free and accessible legal advice to all students at the University of Melbourne.

Staffed by solicitors, **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.

Unfortunately the service cannot assist you with a matter involving UMSU, another student or the University of Melbourne.

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GUIDANCE | FREE

INFRINGEMENTS

SOLVE PROBLEMS

MENTORING NETWORK

MEET PEOPLE

HANG OUT | CONNECT

CATCH UPS

SOCIAL EVENTS

SIMILAR INTERESTS

Want to meet more people, make more friends?
Feeling a little anxious about starting university?
Worried about settling into a new environment?

The UMSU Mentoring Network can **connect you with experienced peers** who are enthusiastic about helping you smoothly navigate and quickly settle into uni life.

Throughout semester, **regular 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.

Come along to our **social events** such as 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 online and our department will match you up with a suitable mentor.

Level 4, Union House

✉ mentoring@union.unimelb.edu.au

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/mentor



WELFARE

WELLBEING | EQUALITY

FOOD BANK | FITNESS

HEALTH AWARENESS

FREE BREAKFAST

The Welfare department is here to ensure student wellbeing is prioritised so that you can have an inclusive and positive experience on campus.

We are responsible for connecting students, supporting students' rights against discrimination and marginalisation at work and during everyday life, and promoting both physical and mental health awareness.

We hold a weekly **free breakfast on Thursday mornings**, and provide regular fitness and social events to help you de-stress and socialise with a broad range of students in a relaxed environment. Our department also has plenty of volunteer opportunities!

We can provide support in times of need, such as **food emergency packs** as part of the food bank program, and directing you to relevant University and local services.

There are plenty of other ways that we **can help improve your student experience**, so keep an eye out on our website and Facebook for events and updates.

You can even drop into our office if you have any questions or concerns, or would just like to have a quick chat!

Sarah Xia & Yan Zhuang

Welfare Officers

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UMSU INTERNATIONAL

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS

HELP | ACTIVITIES

DIVERSITY AWARENESS

NIGHT MARKET

CULTURAL EXCHANGE

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.

We work towards safeguarding **international student welfare**, including providing referral services and peer support. Our role includes 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** to enhance your student experience so that you can make the most of life at uni and in Melbourne.

Watch out for our O Week events, as well as our legendary Night Market (semester 1) and Festival of Nations (semester 2) where we invite the International Clubs & Societies to book stalls and sell food, while you can quick back and enjoy quality student performances.

Our student reps and International Student Ambassadors are **friendly, helpful and here to help support you**. Our Lounge in Union House is open to everyone and it's a great place to hang out!

Level 2, Union House

☎ 03 8344 4801

✉ umsuinternational@union.unimelb.edu.au

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HAVE FUN



Looking for stuff to do?

From free BBQs to gallery closing nights, theatre plays and library screenings, we have you covered. Just show up.



ACTIVITIES

BBQ | LIVE MUSIC

FREE FOOD & DRINKS

PARTIES | EVENTS

PERFORMERS

OKTOBERFEST

Everyone knows that studying is the least important part of going to uni.

Welcome to the Activities department! The home of Beers, Bands and BBQs. The land of Parties, Pizza and Prizes. The kingdom of Friends, Fun and other F words.

Activities provides **free BBQs every Tuesday with food, soft drinks, alcohol and live music or performers.** COMPLETELY FREE!

We also put together free Monday BBQs & competitions, Trivia and Pub nights to keep you entertained.

Keep an eye out for our **cheap parties and events** as well. Kick off the year with a day at Luna Park, enjoy a rowdy night at the Start of Uni Party (SoUP), lose your elegance at a Cocktail Party or even experience the best night the University of Melbourne has to offer: UMSU Activities Oktoberfest!

Give us a sneaky like on Facebook and **subscribe** to our events to keep up to date with everything that's going on.

Activities is powered by the SSAF. Long may it reign!

Megan Pollock & Itsi Weinstock

Activities Officers

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GEORGE PATON GALLERY

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

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

Book some time in the Arts Lab

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

Any student can book it, as long as it's for an art purpose.

It's a great space for **badge making, banner painting, art workshops and spoken word events.**

Get down to the Gallery

The George Paton Gallery (GPG) has been running as an alternative art space since 1975, exhibiting experimental artists throughout the '70s and '80s. Since 1994, the gallery has **focused on student exhibitions**, with many past and recent exhibitors finding success both in Australia and overseas.

Each gallery exhibition runs for two weeks with a **Closing Night** on the last Wednesday evening from 5–7pm. The **gallery is free** to enter, so join us and the artists for art, wine and cheese.

We accept **proposals for exhibitions** at the end of each semester. Get in contact if you have a project idea.

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ARTS LAB | EASELS

WORKSHOPS

PAINT | DESIGN

EXHIBITIONS

FREE GALLERY

BADGE MAKING

ROWDEN WHITE LIBRARY

FICTION | COMICS

LIVE FOXTEL (US)

BEAN BAGS | FREE

OPEN ACCESS

SCI-FI | FANTASY

Let's get this straight first. The Rowden White Library (AKA the Rowdy) is not for studying. It's for enjoyment. Your enjoyment.

DVDs, books, e-books, computers, magazines, music, a big TV screen showin' stuff all day, and comics. Graphic novels, manga, superheroes — comics!

I know, I know. You get all this stuff on the net. Well, bandwidth is expensive while Rowden White stuff is free. We've got **live from the US Foxtel** (Game of Thrones, Orange Is The New Black, Walking Dead, etc.) and heaps of other TV, movies and docos.

New stuff all the time. **And it's all free.**

Ok — books. Whether it general fiction, scifi/fantasy, crime, romance, or non-fiction that raises your metabolism, they've got it. For me, it's the **large format art books. Beats looking at stuff on the phone.**

The computers are **open access** and nobody's going to throw you off for playing Tetris or whatever instead of doing your essay. That's the point.

There's stuff at lunchtime. Stand up comedy. Short drama performances. Club activities. Or there's comfy chairs and bean bags for sleeping if you've had a big weekend.

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

9am–7pm Monday to Thursday

9am–6pm Fridays

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✉ rwl@union.unimelb.edu.au

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/library



UNION HOUSE THEATRE

Union House Theatre is the hub for co-curricular student performance and theatre at the University of Melbourne.

We provide support to student playwrights, directors, designers, performers and technicians.

Student Theatre Groups are groups of students who come together (from any area of study — we are co-curricular) to produce and perform their own shows. Performances include theatre, musicals, dance and much more. We have around 25 affiliated groups each year so find one you like and join them or start your own.

Don't be shy! Many first year students get involved, everyone is welcome, anyone can participate.

Getting involved is easy:

- Say hello!
- Sign up to our weekly newsletter 'Followspot' for audition and production team callouts
- Pick up our program. If you like one of the shows, get in touch with the group and see if you can be involved
- Follow us on social media

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.

Level 1, Union House

☎ 03 8344 6975

✉ uht@union.unimelb.edu.au

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/theatre



PLAYWRIGHTS

MUSICALS | DANCE

DIRECTORS

PERFORMANCE

CO-CURRICULAR

ON AIR



RADIO FODDER

UNIVERSITY OF MELBOURNE STUDENT RADIO

radiofodder.com

GET STUFF

What do you need?

A job? A space? Books?
Equipment? Food? Directions?
To de-stress? To cuddle a puppy?
We have it all. Just ask.



GET AROUND

JOURNEY PLAN

TRAIN | BUS

RENT A BIKE

TRAM | MYKI

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

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.

Melbourne has three forms of **public transport: trams, trains and buses**. Check out the Journey Planner function on the PTV website: ptv.vic.gov.au. Allow for delays in peak hour.

To travel on public transport, you will need a **Myki**. These can be bought and topped up at 7-Elevens, Australia Post offices and train stations. Eligible students may use a concession Myki. However, it requires a PTV Concession Card or a Healthcare Card, not just your student card.

Trams are a quick and effective way to get around, and most of the CBD is covered by a free tram zone — although this doesn't extend to Parkville campus, so make sure you 'touch on' your Myki if you're getting off at the uni Swanston Street tram stop. Ticket inspectors love hanging out there!

Riding a bike is a great and cheap way to get around. Known for its bike culture, there are many Bike Share outposts, including Union House: melbournebikeshare.com.au. Bikes are free for less than 30 minutes. Or subscribe for \$3 a day / \$8 week / \$60 year. Make sure you grab a free helmet! There are excellent bike routes: bicyclenetwork.com.au.

There's plenty of **interesting activities to do around the city** like visiting cute cafes, art galleries, traditional pubs, libraries, street festivals, graffiti laneways... Many events and attractions are discounted or free for students: thatsmelbourne.com.au.

If you have days off, free 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 in Melbourne!

GET FOOD

Everyone knows students are poor, and there are heaps of places that adjust their prices accordingly.

Thankfully, Parkville's got you covered. Here are some handy cheap eats when your stomach starts grumbling uncontrollably (most often in quiet lecture theatres).

EGG SAKE – Basement Union House

Huge range of authentic Japanese cuisine, hot and cold, and two separate menus: special order or bento .

VEGI PATCH – Ground floor, Union House

With plenty of bread and filling options, Vegi Patch offers cheap lunch options, hot food, sandwiches, paper rice rolls and smoothies.

FOOD CO-OP – Level 1, Union House

A nonprofit, member owned and volunteer supported organisation that provides minimally processed food. Vegetarian, vegan and gluten free options for hot lunch, pies, burgers, muffins, brownies, cakes and muesli slices, together with sweet treats, teas and spices.

HOHO'S CANTEEN – Outside Union House

American and Italian food for breakfast, lunch, coffee and drinks. Pasta, salads, frittatas, house baked peanut butter cookies and more.

PRONTO PIZZA – Outside Union House

Carbs galore: Pasta, bureks, croissants, cheesecakes, and of course, a large assortment of pizza slices including vegetarian options.

FARMERS MARKET – Outside Union House

Our University of Melbourne Farmers' Market is dedicated to seasonal Victorian food and producers, biodiversity and sustainable farming practices. Find it at Union Lawn every Wednesday 10.30am–2.30pm during semester.

umsu.unimelb.edu.au/getfood

CHEAP EATS | SALAD

JAPANESE | BENTO

VEGETARIAN

FARMER'S MARKET

AMERICAN | ITALIAN

GET INFO

QUESTIONS?

Info Desk

BOOKINGS LOCKERS

RECHARGE LOANS

LOST PROPERTY

HIRE STUFF

You'll see a purple bright sign on ground floor of Union House that reads 'Ask Me'. Follow instructions and you'll get answers, from handy directions to how to hire stuff such as:

- Camping equipment: tents, sleeping bags
- Lockers: \$60 per semester or \$100 per year
- Lab coats: \$5
- Emergency loans: up to \$10
- Justice of Peace appointments
- Lost property
- Recharge station
- Shower key
- Tables and BBQ bookings

There's also a new Info Desk at the FBE Pod on **111 Barry St.**

☎ 03 8344 6966

✉ info@union.unimelb.edu.au

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GET A JOB

Forget about scams and dodgy job ads.

There are a number of departments within this organisation that require student casuals to work throughout the year in a variety of different roles:

- Retail
- Administration
- Customer service
- Promotions
- Food and beverage services
- IT support
- And even social media

Yes, they are jobs, so you will get paid!

umsu.unimelb.edu.au/jobs

The UMSU Advocacy & Legal services are also helpful for all your job related concerns:

umsu.unimelb.edu.au/advocacy

There are also **volunteer opportunities** to learn or perfect your skills, meet people, and become part of the family. If it weren't for the dedicated teams of volunteers providing support, UMSU just wouldn't work. Volunteering also looks great on your CV, as you are officially trained in each role such as: O Week hosts, mentors, exam support stalls, and more. UMSU can also provide an official certificate of participation upon request:

umsu.unimelb.edu.au/volunteer

VOLUNTEER HOST

GET PAID MENTOR

OPPORTUNITIES

SHORT/LONG TERM

GET EQUIPMENT

HIRE PROJECTORS
TECHNICIANS
SOUND EQUIPMENT
SCREENS ADVICE

Audio Visual Production & Equipment Hire

AVMelbourne supplies quality audio visual productions with fully experienced, professional technicians for a wide range of events at UMSU and the University of Melbourne, from Q&A panel sessions to rock concerts!

AVMelbourne has also an extensive range of sound equipment, projectors, screens, etc., for hire to make your event a success. Let us know what you need. If you're not sure, our staff can advise you on the best equipment to suit your event.

We operate on a 'first-in-first-served' basis, so the sooner you book, the better!

Check our website to fill out the form and we'll get back to you with a quotation.

Level 3, Union House

☎ 03 8344 4830

✉ info@avm.unimelb.edu.au

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/avmelbourne

GET A ROOM

Home sweet home!

Don't let horror stories of dirty dishes and passive aggressive post-it notes put you off. You have the opportunity to make lifelong friends and form a brand new student family of your own!

Look for the **noticeboards on the ground floor** of Union House and the window at Readings on Lygon St. It might seem like an old way of looking for a room, but these noticeboards seem to be quite effective among students.

You can also check the various **online sites** for more options:

- University housing online noticeboard:
housing.unimelb.edu.au
- Gumtree Flatshare & Houseshare section: **gumtree.com.au**
- Facebook open and private groups:
facebook.com/groups/melbourneaccommodation
- Flatmates Unimelb: **flatmates.com.au/unimelb**
- Flatmate Finders: **flatmatefinders.com.au**

Unfortunately, **housing scams are common** so make sure to stay vigilant when searching for a place to call home.

If you are unsure about whether something is a scam, we encourage you to contact Student Advice:

services.unimelb.edu.au/housing/appointments

The UMSU Advocacy & Legal departments can also help with your house related concerns. Any issues with payments, dodgy landlords or broken toilets (we've all been there), they've got you covered: **umsu.unimelb.edu.au/advocacy**

Disclaimer: This list is intended to provide information on student accommodation. The companies listed are independent, private businesses and are not owned or operated by the University of Melbourne. It is your responsibility to ensure that your chosen accommodation suits your needs. All arrangements are strictly between you and the student apartment provider.

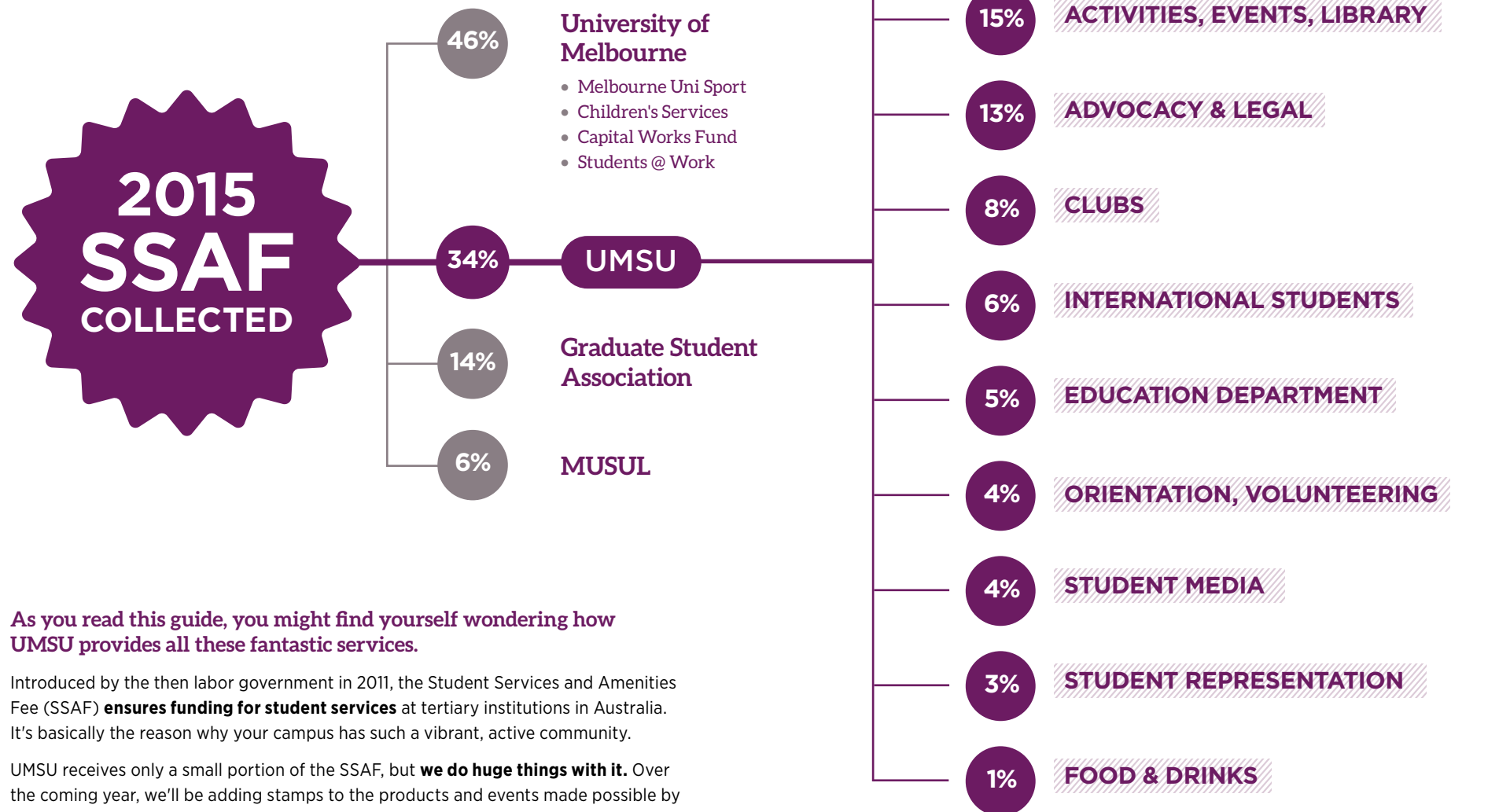
NOTICEBOARDS
HOUSE SHARE
HOUSING SUPPORT
STUDENT FAMILY

UMSU EXPENDITURE OF THE STUDENT

SERVICES AND AMENITIES FEE

TOTAL: \$4,642,902.73

based on 2015 figures as of 31 December

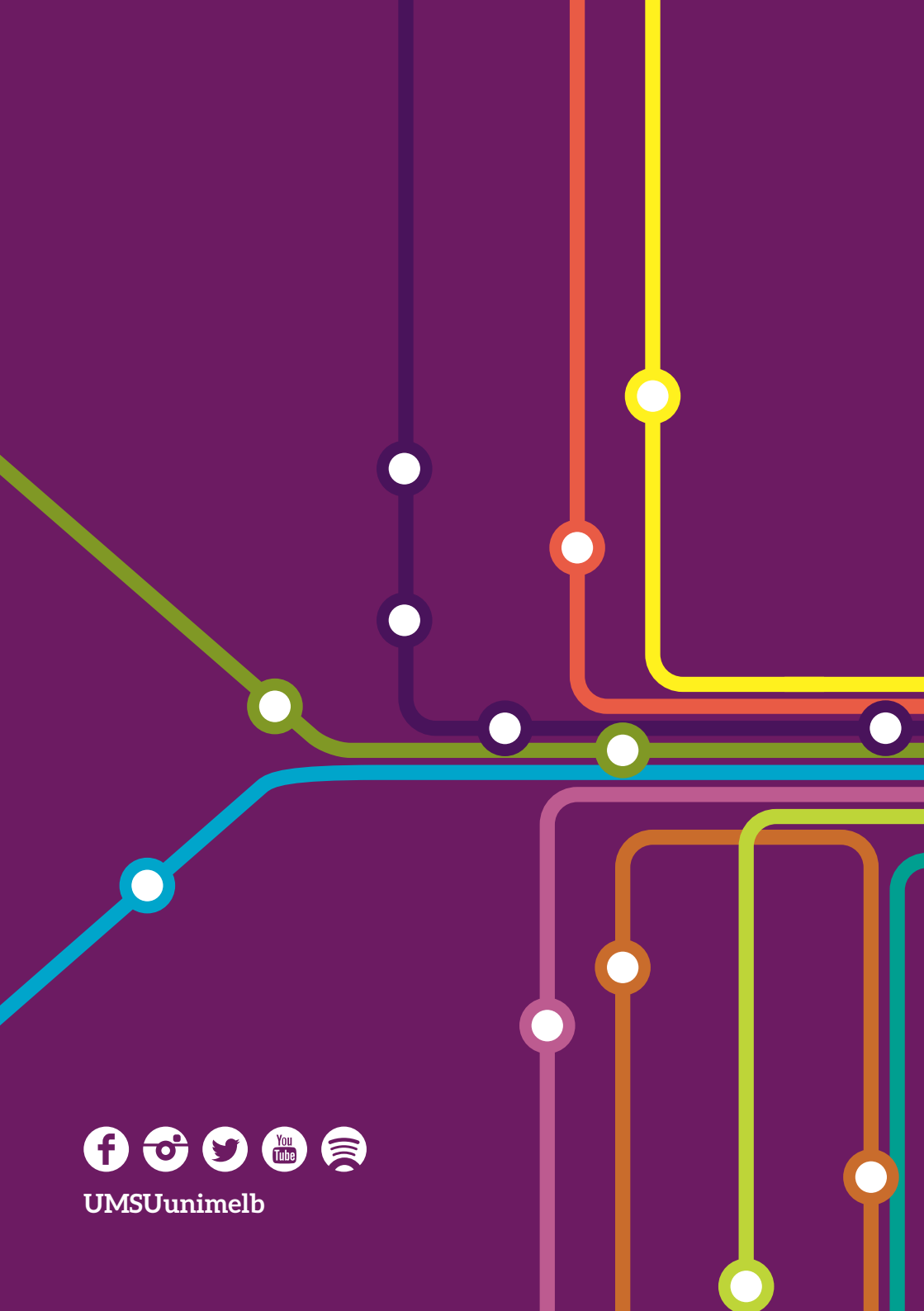


As you read this guide, you might find yourself wondering how UMSU provides all these fantastic services.

Introduced by the then labor government in 2011, the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) **ensures funding for student services** at tertiary institutions in Australia. It's basically the reason why your campus has such a vibrant, active community.

UMSU receives only a small portion of the SSAF, but **we do huge things with it**. Over the coming year, we'll be adding stamps to the products and events made possible by the allocation of these funds. That way, you know just how important it is.

Learn more from our FAQ fact or fiction webpage: umsu.unimelb.edu.au/ssaf



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