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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 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 130 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 welfare packs
- A free legal and advocacy service
- Over 200+ student and special interest 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 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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See what we're all about and tune into our vibe.



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Get involved!

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!



COME ALONG TO A COLLECTIVE

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).

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. You can find a list of upcoming meetings and locations on the UMSU website.

Scan to view our meetings!



The SSAF Explained

HOW DOES UMSU DO SO MUCH FOR FREE?

How does UMSU provide so many free services and other stuff to students?

We use funds allocated to us, called the Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF). The SSAF exists across unis and other tertiary institutions throughout Australia, it's 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.

Scan to learn about SSAF!



“UMSU receives 37.5% of the SSAF, but we do HUGE things with it! →”

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Artist Spotlight

Check out this year's line-up 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 activism with the University about 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 on point.

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 hold!



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Elections

Every year elections are held during 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 as well!

There is lots of info around for elections when they do happen, such as nomination periods, campaigning and voting time. 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



Scan to view the elections webpage!





Disha Zutshi

President



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President

Hey there! I'm Disha, your UMSU President for 2024.

UMSU is for students, by students. It's the peak representative body at the University, as well as one of the biggest and reputed unions in the country! We at UMSU are going to be your BESTIE throughout your university journey by providing you with free food, over 200+ clubs to get involved with, free advocacy and legal help, fun events and parties! All this and more with a FREE UNION MEMBERSHIP.

There are numerous departments within UMSU who oversee different things. These include; Activities, People of Colour, Welfare, Women's and many more. They hold events, collectives, campaigns, and activist spaces so every student can feel connected on campus. UMSU also has a legal and advocacy service to support you in case things go wrong during your time at university.

The UMSU President is elected to be the spokesperson of UMSU, the face and heart of the Student Union and everything it represents. I'm here to act as liaison between you and the University to help ensure your voices are heard! So, if there's something that you would like UMSU to pay attention to, please feel free to reach out by email or visit my office.

See you around campus!

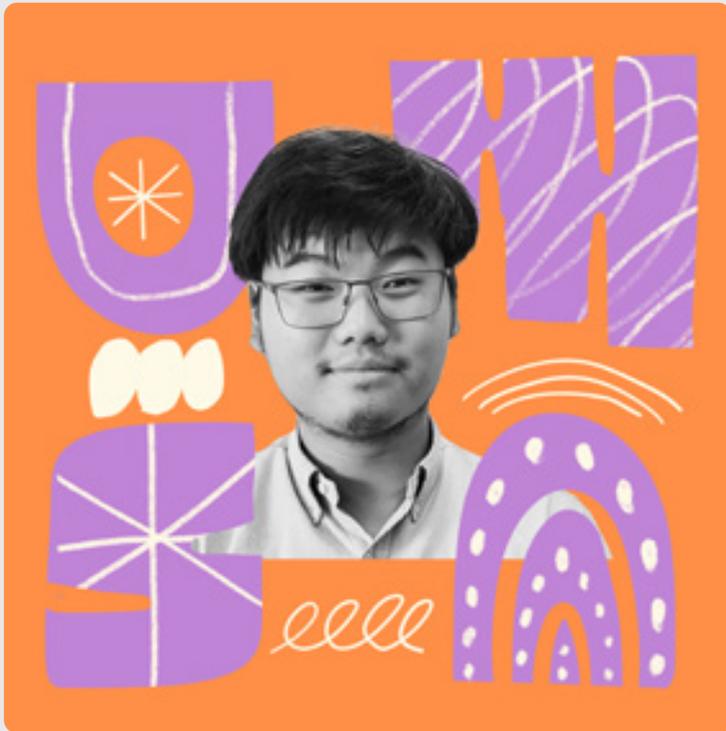
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Enzhe (Kevin) Li

General Secretary



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General Secretary

Hi there and 大家好, my name is Enzhe (Kevin) Li and I am the 2024 UMSU General Secretary.

The General Secretary's role in UMSU is a lot less directly visible than some other offices but is no less important in that it offers the support every other department needs to function! 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.

Aside from these official roles, the Secretary is also someone who serves a triage role for student issues, problems, inquiries, and expressions of interests. 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.

Like any other student representative, the General Secretary works at the grassroots level with the other officers of the Student Union to unify the student voice, fix student problems, and build student community, however, they are also responsible for, at the organisation and governance level, bringing key reforms and changes to the Union as a whole.

Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or issue, and don't hesitate to get involved in your student life and student union.

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Mehul Gopalakrishnan & Amy Peters

Activities Department



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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.

WHAT WE DO

Parties & Social Gatherings: From our Start of Uni Parties (SOUPs) to our weekly afternoon shenanigans, we're the masterminds behind the campus's most talked-about events.

Bands, Bevs and BBQ: Savour the taste of university life with our fun-filled BBQ events and a variety of beverages to suit every palate.

Diverse Entertainment: Whether it's live gigs, sparkling events, or just a relaxing hangout, we've got something for everyone.

Building Connections: More than just events, we offer opportunities to make lifelong friendships and be part of a vibrant community.

THIS YEAR'S VISION

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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Jake Duyvestyn

Burnley Department



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

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 heritage-listed 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 is here to represent our unique needs to the rest of the union and deliver useful services, workshops and social events that cater to our green-thumbed tendencies.

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Azalea Rohaizam & Hanny Teja

Clubs & Societies Department



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Clubs & Societies

Clubs are one of the easiest ways to get involved, meet new people, and basically have an all-round awesome time at uni.

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 special interests and hobbies. There are also faculty and course-related clubs which help students get to know people from within their area of study.

Head to the Clubs Listing page on our website to see the full range of UMSU affiliated clubs and join one (or several!) today.

Clubs aren't just a great way to get free stuff (although they are that too), they're an integral part of many students' university experience.

Whichever clubs you decide to join, we can't wait to meet you!

If you have any club related questions or just want to say 'hello', please come by our office or email us! We're always here to help.

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Shravya Akkapeddi & Jiajie Zheng

Creative Arts Department



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Creative Arts

UniMelb has a thriving student arts community, and the Creative Arts Department is here to support all students to be a part of it, regardless of skill level or previous experience.

Whether you're interested in music, dance, theatre, film, performance art, visual art or crafts and paints, we're here to make sure you get to do it all!

We aim to facilitate as many opportunities as possible for you to be involved! Learn new skills, meet fellow creative folks at our collectives and events, interact with as many student clubs as possible, or apply for our grants to help transform your creative endeavours.

If you want to get weird and wonderful, step into our office in 2024!

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Anishaa Jeyakumar & Adam Whitehead

Disabilities Department



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Disabilities

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 56), and also provide a safe, low lit and sensory-friendly 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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Julian De Marco & Lucy Rachman Vascotto

Education Academic Department



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Education (Academic)

Hi! I'm Julian, and I'm Lucy, and we are excited to be your 2024 Education (Academic) Officers.

WHAT IS EDUCATION (ACADEMIC)?

We advocate on your behalf, between students and the academic and policy processes of the University. Whenever you have an issue, we will be your strongest advocates, working hard to ensure the University listens.

We're here to help represent you in discussing any ideas and concerns you might have with the University.

HOW DO WE HELP?

To achieve this, we coordinate the Student Representative Network (SRN), a group of student leaders that are elected to sit on key university committees, and represent the views of 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 sit on university academic committees representing us, students, to give feedback on how the University is being run, and 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 maintaining access to hybrid and flexible learning options.

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Bella Beiraghi & Raphael Duffy

Education Public Department



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Education (Public)

The Education (Public) Department stands up for student rights, both on and off campus!

Things are getting worse for students. The cost of living keeps going up, and the University continues to attack staff working conditions and student learning conditions. The University continues its shocking ties with weapons manufacturers, such as Lockheed Martin, and mining corporations like Rio Tinto.

Education (Public) is an activist department. We think it's important that the student union takes a stand against injustice. We want more students involved in activism and left-wing politics.

This year, we'll be fighting for the things students care about, starting with a campaign to kick weapons manufacturers off campus. Join the fight by coming to our collectives and following us on social media!

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Environment Department



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Environment

The UMSU Environment Department is a collective of climate activists, anti-capitalists, and socialists on campus. We organise activism around environmental and social justice and discuss the root causes of these issues – a system run for the profits of a few.

We campaign against the Labor government's criminal expansion of fossil fuels while the world faces climate catastrophe. We also oppose the University of Melbourne's collaboration with mining companies like Rio Tinto and weapons corporations like Lockheed Martin. The University should be for education, not corporate profits!

The Environment Department supports campaigns for social justice for Indigenous people, students, refugees and workers! The rights for everyone are bound up together and linked to the fight for environmental justice!

Get involved with our department to fight for climate action and social justice!

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Hamish Rose

Indigenous Department



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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. We also have an annual publication, Gundui Bunjil. Stay tuned for submissions info during the year!

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Richard Ha (President)

UMSU International Department


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UMSU International

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 provide representation and peer support, and host 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 run for a Student Representative position during our Annual General Election.

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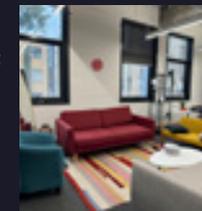


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Gunjan Ahluwalia, Joel Duggan, Jessica Fanwong & Kien-Ling Liem

Media Department



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Hear ye, hear ye writers, poets, illustrators, photographers, and everyone in between! Are you interested in writing your own prose, poetry, nonfiction, or news? Or becoming a radio show host, photographer, or videographer? If so, then the Media Department is the place for you!

We're the go-spot on campus for print, publication, and broadcasting. We produce *Farrago*, UniMelb's official student magazine, and our very own radio station *Radio Fodder* – find out more on page 70. This year, we're planning to revive our radio, so keep an eye out for more opportunities there!

There are SO many ways to get involved in student media. Submit your writing or art, create a podcast, borrow some of our equipment, or learn a new skill at one of our workshops – the possibilities are endless!

Stay tuned for *Farrago* launches and workshops and visit our creative home (aka our office) to ask any questions about raising YOUR voice. You're always welcome in Media.

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Denzil Minnaar & Jania Lam

People of Colour Department



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People of Colour

Welcome to the People of Colour Department (POC)! 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.

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!

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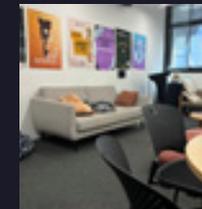


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Queer Department



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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 58) 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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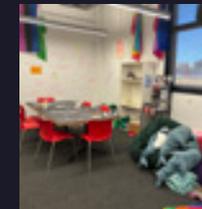


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Justine Light De Guzman, Felicity Liston, Amy Rogers & Ariel Teo

Southbank Department



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Southbank

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.

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Welfare Department



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Welfare

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 54) 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

🏠 Level 2, Building 168

✉️ welfare@union.unimelb.edu.au

📱 UMSU Welfare

📷 @umsu_welfare

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/welfare

📱 Scan to view our website and more!



Since you liked Welfare you might like:

Union Mart



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Akanksha Agarwal & Micaela Rynne

Women's Department



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STUDENT PUBLICATION

Women's

Are you a woman or a non-binary student? Let us introduce you to the Women's Department!

The Women's Department exists to provide a safe space and advocate for female and non-binary students on campus. Come visit our Women's Room! (details on page 59)

We work to make the University a safer place, while facilitating activism, collectives, running campaigns, and, of course, hosting fabulous events!

There are tons of ways you can get involved throughout the year, we'll be running our collectives, having guest speakers, and so much more! We can't wait to meet you!

CONTACT INFO

🏠 Level 3, Building 168

✉️ womens@union.unimelb.edu.au

📍 UMSU Women's Department

📷 @umsuwomens

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/womens

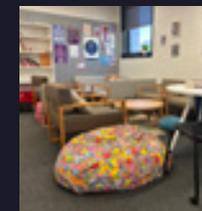


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Since you liked Women's you might like:

Women's Space



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Support Sessions

When things aren't going to plan, you have UMSU – the best support act.



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Let's start!



SUPPORT ADVICE

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 operates on an empowerment approach, where we seek to resource and equip students to deal with their matter themselves via the provision of policy and strategic advice as well as general feedback. Graduate, undergraduate, domestic, and international students are welcome to use this free and confidential advocacy service.

We can assist with:

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

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.

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



Scan to view our website & more!



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.



SUPPORT ADVICE

Sexual Harm Response Coordinators



The UMSU Sexual Harm Response Coordinators work with the UMSU Advocacy service to provide support and advice for victim/survivors of sexual assault and bystanders to this behaviour.

All information shared is completely confidential, except where the University has a specific legal obligation or duty of care to protect individuals safety.

GET IN TOUCH

- 🏠 Level 2, Building 168
- ✉ umsu-shrc@union.unimelb.edu.au
- 🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/contact-shrc



Scan to view our website & more!



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



SUPPORT ADVICE

UMSU Legal Service

Legal



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
- ✓ Discrimination
- ✓ 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.

🏠 Level 2, Building 168

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/legal



Scan to view our website & more!



The Umsu Legal service offers **FREE** legal help!



SUPPORT

UMSU Info Centre



IS THERE ANYTHING THAT THEY CAN'T DO?

Not much, really. They can even help you with borrowing a picnic rug, an eski for South Lawn hangs, 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

UMSU Information Centre

🏠 Level 1, Building 168,
University of Melbourne

📅 8.30am–5pm, Mon–Fri
(9am–5pm outside semester)

📞 (03) 8344 6966

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/info

Secondary Location

🏠 Ground floor, FBE Building,
111 Barry St, University of
Melbourne

📅 10am–3pm, Mon–Fri
(open during semester
teaching weeks only)

📞 (03) 8344 4897



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SUPPORT FREE FOOD VOLUNTEER

Union Mart



Union Mart operates upon a no-questions-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.

Union Mart has become a staple on the Parkville campus. It provides a variety of food, drink and household products for free to all students. In 2024, the Union Mart will be expanded to combat the increasing pressure inflation places upon students. Students should always have access to the essentials, it is not a luxury; it is a necessity.

FIND OUT MORE

🏠 G30, Building 1888

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/union-mart



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You should never have to go without food or other necessities. Union Mart is here to help!

Union Mart is a Welfare department initiative.



Since you liked Union Mart you might like:

Welfare Department



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SUPPORT SAFE SPACE MAKE FRIENDS CHILL OUT



Autonomous Spaces

DISABILITIES LOUNGE

🏠 Level 3, Room 304, B168

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 runs 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 the Umsu Disabilities Department. You can read about all the other things they do on Page 25.



UMSU INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE

🏠 Level 1, Room 106 B168

The International Lounge is where the Umsu International team and our International Student Ambassadors plan, prepare, and execute the plethora of events that you know and love! We also are always open so if you needed any help with all things related to being an international student, make sure to drop by and say hi.

Whether you're an undergraduate, graduate, study abroad or exchange student, make sure you come by the lounge and meet the Umsu International team – their offices are right next door. This space is run by the Umsu International Department.



Since you liked Disabilities Lounge you might like:

Disabilities Department



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Since you liked Umsu International Lounge you might like:

UMSU International Department



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Autonomous Spaces

QUEER SPACE

🏠 Level 3, Room 305 B168

The Queer Space is a vibrant place for you to sit with your flock, or flamage 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 the UMSU Queer Department, find out more about what they do on Page 41.



THE WOMEN'S SPACE

🏠 Level 3, Room 306 B168

The Women's Room is a safe space for female and non-binary students 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 decked out with comfy couches and a Library of feminist literature, and there's also a sandwich press, microwave and fridge for when you're having a go at 'adulting' and bringing your lunch from home. There's also a bunch of menstrual products (pads and tampons) and safe sex supplies (condoms, lube and dental dams) which are also free for you to take. See you there!

This space is run by the UMSU Women's Department, find out more about what they do on Page 47.



Since you liked Queer Space Lounge you might like:

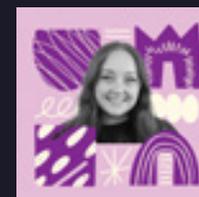
Queer Department



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Since you liked The Women's Room you might like:

Women's Department



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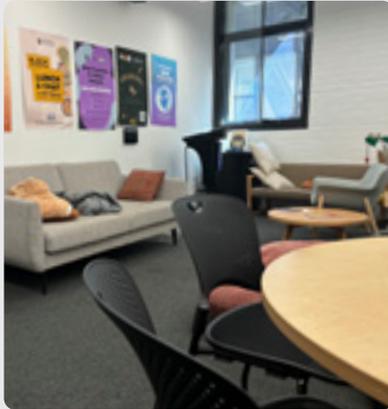
Autonomous Spaces

POC SPACE

🏠 Level 3, Room 307 B168

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 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 39.



Since you liked POC Space you might like:

People of Colour Department



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Volunteering (V-Hive)



We have a wide range of opportunities for caring, committed people to get involved:

- ✓ Union Mart
- ✓ Host Program
- ✓ Exam Support Stalls
- ✓ Academic Misconduct Committee
- ✓ Student department assistance

See what all the buzz is about and drop by for a visit!

CONTACT INFO:

🏠 Room 302, Level 3, Building 168

✉ volunteering@union.unimelb.edu.au

🌐 umsu.unimelb.edu.au/volunteer

Welcome to the V-Hive, where we are all busy being the bee's knees of getting involved on campus. We're the thriving hub of heaps of volunteering opportunities.

Plump up your CV, gain golden life experience points and feel dang good about doing it. You'll make heaps of friends and memories in the process.



Scan to view our website & more!



PLAYLIST

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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Let's start!



CREATIVE MAKE FRIENDS WORKSHOPS

Union House Theatre



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!

UHT 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 20 autonomous student theatre groups as they produce their own productions in the state-of-the-art Guild and Union Theatres.

Want to act in a play? Write one? Or want to get involved but not sure where to start?

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 our 20 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 tons of friends.

So, make sure to 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 Auslan-interpreted, captioned, relaxed, and/or audio described productions each semester.

CONTACT INFO

🏠 Level 3, Arts & Cultural Building (Building 159)

☎️ (03) 8344 6975

✉️ uht@union.unimelb.edu.au

📘 Union House Theatre

📷 @unionhousetheatre

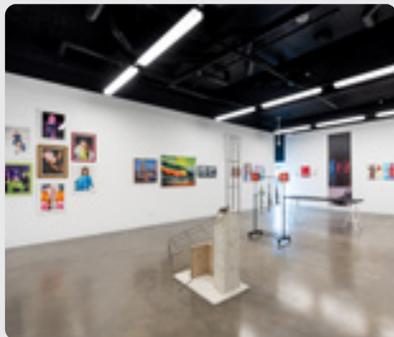


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CREATIVE MAKE FRIENDS WORKSHOPS

George Paton Gallery



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.

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.

OPENING HOURS

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

CONTACT INFO

- 📞 (03) 8344 5418
- ✉️ gpg@union.unimelb.edu.au
- 📍 George Paton Gallery
- 📷 @georgepatongallery



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Come by and see an exhibition at the Gallery or learn something new at one of the Creative Workshops – they're all FREE!

CREATIVE MAKE FRIENDS WORKSHOPS

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



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MAKE FRIENDS SUPPORT CHILL OUT

Rowden White Library



- ✓ Gaming computers and virtual reality headsets
- ✓ A PlayStation 5 + Nintendo Switches
- ✓ Puzzles and boardgames
- ✓ Chargers for phones and tablets
- ✓ Two big TV screens

Come and explore this awesome space but **DO NOT STUDY!**

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 chairs and some luxurious bean bags for sleeping in if you need a break. There's always new stuff to borrow, and it's all **FREE!** All you need is your student card.

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

- ✓ Books and eBooks/eAudiobooks (fiction, sci-fi/fantasy, crime, romance, non-fiction)
- ✓ Magazines, Comics and Manga

OPENING HOURS

During semester

Monday to Friday, 9am–7pm

Outside semester

Monday to Friday, 10am–5pm

CONTACT INFO

Level 2 & 3, Student Pavilion (Building 162)

(03) 8344 6967

rw1@union.unimelb.edu.au

Rowden White

rowdenwhite



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MAKE FRIENDS

AVMelbourne



AVMelbourne provide Audio Visual equipment for hire, as well as expert technical advice and assistance for events on campus (sound, stage, lighting and projection).

Check out the website for available equipment and packages, and to make a booking enquiry.

Come to us for:

- ✓ Portable, battery powered, Bluetooth speakers
- ✓ Projectors/Screens
- ✓ Sound/PA systems
- ✓ Concerts
- ✓ Festivals
- ✓ Lighting...and more!

CONTACT INFO

Level 1, Building 168 (next to Info Centre)

(03) 8344 4830

info@avm.unimelb.edu.au



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Speakers, PA systems and more. We support student events!

MAKE FRIENDS

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Farrago Magazine



Farrago is the student publication at UniMelb. If you haven't already spied a copy of this fine magazine yet, we're sure you will very soon! It's free and found all around campus.

Founded in 1925, *Farrago* publishes the writing and artwork of UniMelb students all year round. It aims to present a diverse range of voices and ideas to stir discussion throughout the student body.

Want to be part of it? You're welcome to submit work during *Farrago* callouts. Keep a look out on the website and social media for when they're open!

CONTACT INFO

-  Farrago Magazine
-  @farragomagazine
-  farragomagazine.com



Scan to view our website & more!



We are always open for online submissions! Feeling creative? Have a gander around our website to get a feel of the type of student work we publish.



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Radio Fodder



Radio Fodder is the UniMelb online student radio station, brought to you by the Media Department of UMSU. With a diverse line-up of shows riding the airwaves every week, check out the schedule each semester.

Farrago and *Radio Fodder* are both run by the UMSU Media Department.

TUNE IN AND TURN IT UP

-  Radio Fodder
-  @radio_fodder



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Since you liked Radio Fodder you might like:

Media Department



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Your Daily Mix

There's always something 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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FOOD UNI LIFE

The Campus Coffee Chart for the Compulsively Caffeinated

Written by Azalea Rohaizam and Tommy Hill

CASTRO'S KIOSK

SP SP SP

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

WHY 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!

CARTE

SP SP SP

Tucked away and built into the exterior of the John Medley Building, this vibrant little cafe can be found on the pathway which traverses the exterior of South Lawn.

WHY WE LIKE Crêpes galore, what else needs to be said?

HOUSE OF CARDS

SP SP SP

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 Each order allows you to pick a charitable cause of your choosing!

AXIL COFFEE

SP SP SP

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

WHY WE LIKE Jaffles!!!!

DR DAX

SP SP SP

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 the widest selection of food!

ST ALI'S

SP SP SP

A cafe with a futuristic appearance, reminiscent of a spaceship's control deck, St. Ali is found along Monash Road directly adjacent to the new Student Pavilion!

WHY WE LIKE A range of Italian takeaway meals! Personally, the mini-pizzas are a regular go-to for me.

HOGO'S CANTEEN

SP SP SP

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!

WHY WE LIKE Tommy's personal favourite coffee

STANDING ROOM

SP SP SP

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 croissants on campus!

SCHOLAR AND CO

SP SP SP

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.

WHY WE LIKE One of the only places on campus that offers bagels!

LITTLE MYLK BAR

SP SP SP

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

WHY WE LIKE Entirely vegan!

FOR CHANGE CAFE

SP SP SP

This recycled shipping container turned cafe is nestled between the athletics oval, Nona Lee Centre and the swimming pool.

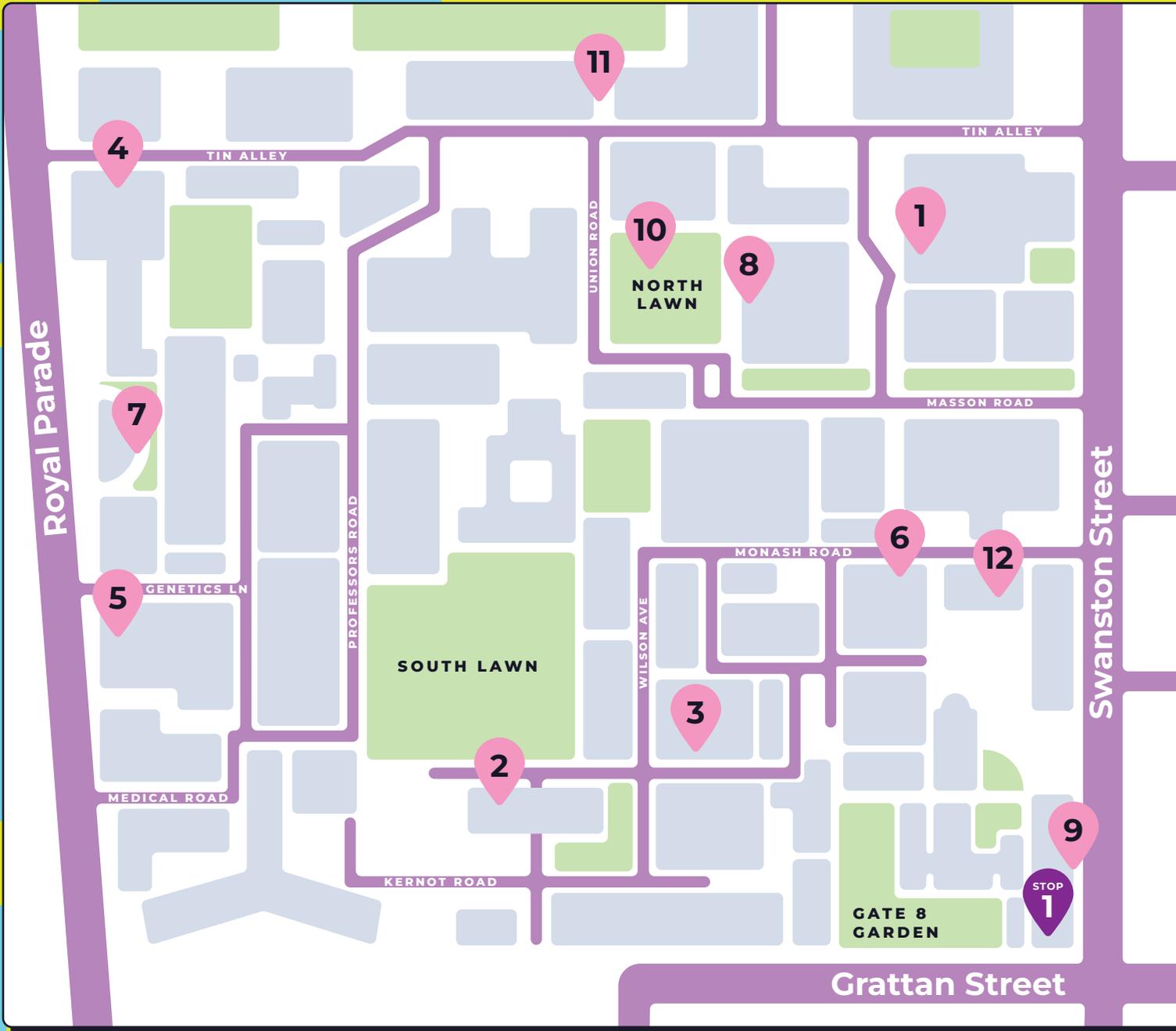
WHY WE LIKE Best known for their jaffles!

JOURNEYS' CAFE

SP SP SP

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.

WHY WE LIKE Everything on the menu is under \$10!



Map of the Campus Coffee Chart for the Compulsively Caffeinated

- 1. CASTRO'S KIOSK SP SP SP
- 2. CARTE SP SP SP
- 3. HOUSE OF CARDS SP SP SP
- 4. AXIL COFFEE SP SP SP
- 5. DR DAX SP SP SP
- 6. ST ALI'S SP SP SP
- 7. HOHO'S CANTEEN SP SP SP
- 8. STANDING ROOM SP SP SP
- 9. SCHOLAR AND CO SP SP SP
- 10. LITTLE MYLK BAR SP SP SP
- 11. FOR CHANGE CAFE SP SP SP
- 12. JOURNEYS' CAFE SP SP SP

CHILL OUT UNI LIFE

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 & window-bed Levels 2-4
- ✔ The Arts Hall on Level 1 of Old Arts
- ✔ The lounge-nook down the corridor on Level 2 of Babel
- ✔ The plant-walled Growroom booths in Kwong Lee Dow
- ✔ Top floor of the Medical School – a dedicated silent zone



Since you liked this you might like:

Disabilities Department



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Since you liked this you might like:

Rowden White Library



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UNI LIFE

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 your study spots in the sometimes-overwhelming 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.

CONS None!

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 you 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).

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 THREE POWERPOINTS on the entire floor so good luck if you're running out of charge.

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.

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.

LAW BUILDING

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).

CONS 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!).

DAVID CARO PHYSICS BUILDING (BOTTOM FLOOR)

PROS This is a niche one, but quite secluded and a bit more private than a library! There are tables tucked around corners and if you can snag the couch section it can be a soothing study space. Perfect for an afternoon interspersed with chats with friends. Castro's is also right around the corner (coffee break!) which is a major plus.

CONS It's the physics building...

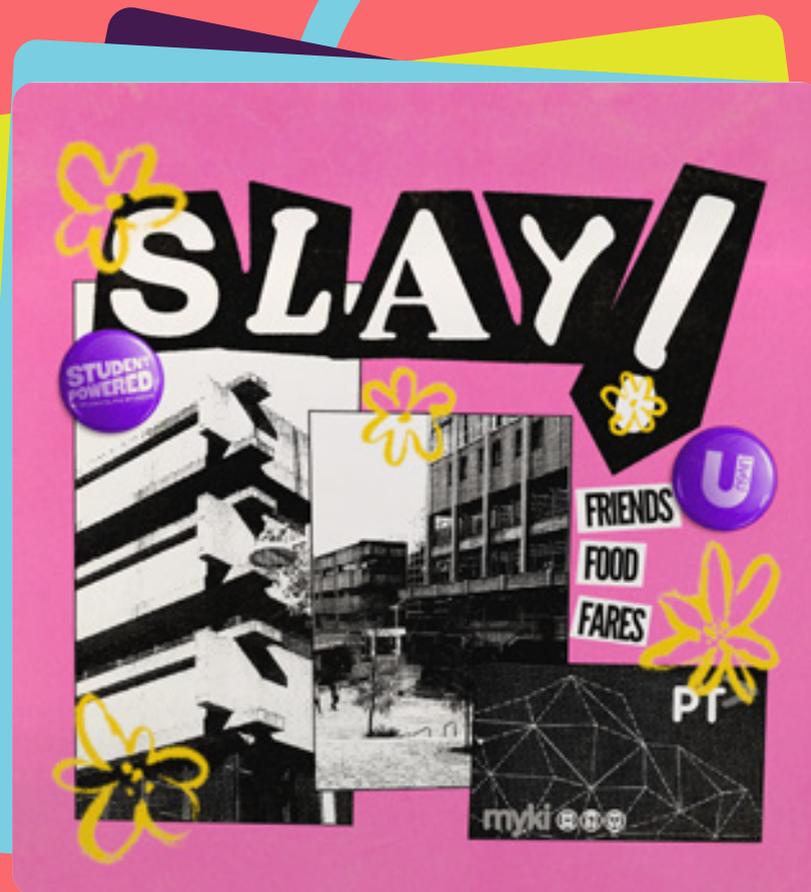
PLAYLIST

It's brutal out here!

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



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Let's start!



MAKE FRIENDS

UNI LIFE

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!

“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—I'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.

“University is important, but your mental well-being is even more important.”

Take the time to meet new friends, go to that interesting club event, or pursue a new volunteering opportunity!

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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 you 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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Eat on a student budget

Hey, we don't want to sound like a hovering parent, but food is kind of a big deal. Taking care of your nutrition while studying is important for avoiding burnout or the dreaded low WAM.

The surest way to save money on food is to prepare it at home. Work out how much you can afford to spend on food per week, learn some simple tasty recipes and set yourself a budget to work towards.

Head to the Queen Vic Market for cheap fresh produce (especially on weekend afternoons) and do some bulk cookups with friends or housemates. If you're savvy, you can get five meals out of the price of one brunch outing with coffee!

UMSU also offers **FREE** breakfasts throughout semester, and you can maximise your sausage sizzle selection by checking out Activities' event or regular free BBQs from UMSU clubs. You can also pick up free food and other pantry staples from our **Welfare Department's Union Mart** on page 54.

Take a few of these tips on board and you'll have more than enough cash left over for an occasional splurge in one of the hundreds of rad cafés and restaurants around the UniMelb campuses.



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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

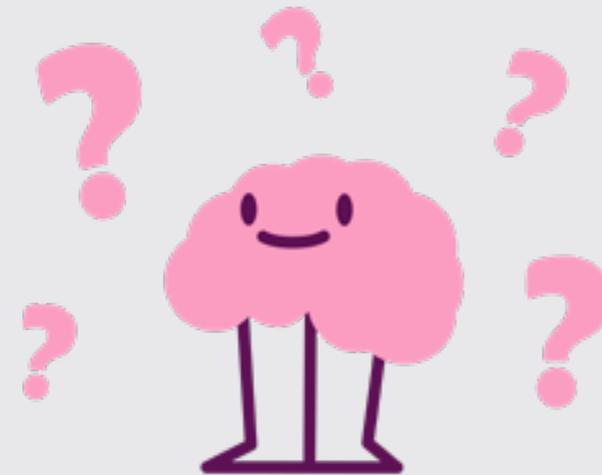
The return journey to academia as a graduate student at the University of Melbourne is a path brimming with enriching experiences and unique challenges. As a fellow traveller on this journey, I've discovered the multi-faceted nature of this experience, from the joy of pursuing next-level knowledge to 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!



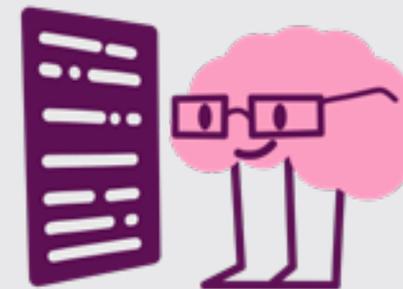
SOME CHALLENGES – SOME SOLUTIONS

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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Diary of an international student

by Jiaqi Guo



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 door-opening 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.

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

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!

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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 protected attributes – including your race, gender and sexuality
- ! Agents and landlords cannot ask for rental bids
- ! If you pay a holding deposit then don't sign a rental agreement, you are entitled to a refund

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 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/landlord within 5 business days
- ! Take photos of the property before you move your belongings in, and keep these somewhere safe until the end of your lease

WHERE TO GET HELP

You can find further resources about renting on the following websites:

Tenants Victoria:
tenantsvic.org.au

Consumer Affairs Victoria:
consumer.vic.gov.au

HAVING AN ISSUE WHILE RENTING?

You can contact the UMSU Legal Service online to get free and confidential legal help with renting problems:
umsu.unimelb.edu.au/legal

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2024 Bucket List: How to make the most out of your year!

Make the most of 2024! 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 parties – SoUP, St Patrick's Day
- 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
- 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 Tastings, our biennial arts festival

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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

B

Barbie
Barbecue

Bloody
Very

Brekky
Breakfast

Brolly
Umbrella

C

Chockers.
Full

D

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

H

Heaps
Lots, Many

I

Iffy
Bit risky or unreasonable

J

Jumper
A woollen sweater

L

Lappy
Laptop

Lollies
Sweets/Candy

M

Mate
Friend

Mozzie
Mosquito

N

No Worries
No problem / It's OK

O

Oi!
Exclamation to get attention

Outback
The remote interior of Australia

P

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; 'That's really sick mate'

Sickie
A sick day off work or school

Straya
Australia

Sunnies
Sunglasses

Squiz

To have a look at something

T

Telly
Television

Thongs

Flip flops (shoes)

U

U-ee
To make a u-turn when driving

Y

Youse
Plural of 'you'

PLAYLIST

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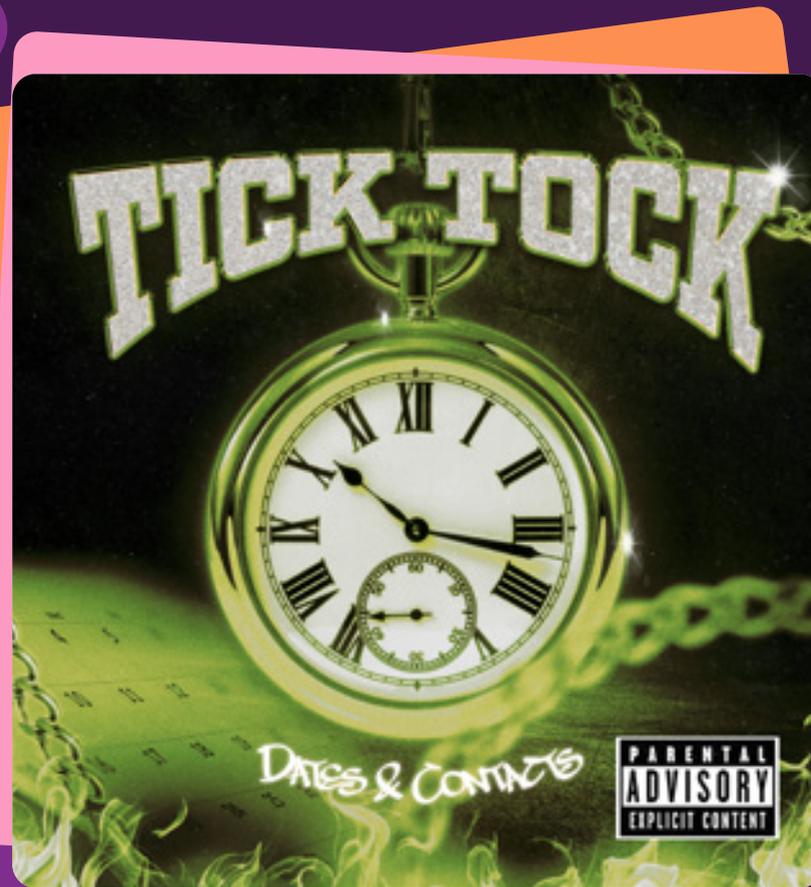
The bits you should bookmark for throughout the year so you won't miss a thing.



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Let's start! →



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Important/Key Dates

Jan 2 Jan – 25 Feb Summer Term

Feb

12 Feb – 19 Feb	Summer Examinations
19 Feb – 1 Mar	SummerFest (aka Orientation)
26 Feb – 26 May	Semester 1 – 12 teaching weeks

Check out our hottest party!



Mar

29 Mar – 2 Apr	Easter holiday
29 Mar – 7 Apr	Easter – Non-teaching period

Apr 25 Apr ANZAC Day holiday

May 27 May – 31 May SWOTVAC

Jun

3 Jun – 21 Jun	Exams – Good luck!
10 Jun	King's Birthday holiday
24 Jun	Start of Winter Term

Jul

5 July	Results final release date
11 Jul – 18 Jul	Special/ Supplementary Examinations
15 Jul – 19 Jul	WinterFest (aka Mid-Year Orientation)
22 Jul – 20 Oct	Semester 2 – 12 teaching weeks

Chill out at our mid-year party!



Elections! Dates (TBC)

Sep

23 Sep – 29 Sep	Non-teaching period
27 Sep	AFL Grand Final Eve holiday (TBC)

Oct

21 Oct – 25 Oct	SWOTVAC
28 Oct – 15 Nov	Exams – Good luck!

Nov 29 Nov Results final release date

Dec 5 Dec – 12 Dec Special/ Supplementary Examinations

Scan to view UMSU events!



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

S.O.S. CONTACTS

📞 Emergency Services
(Ambulance, Fire, Police)
DIAL **000**

ON CAMPUS

📞 Campus Security **8344 6666**

📞 First Aid **8344 5415**

📞 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

📞 Legal Aid **9269 0120**

📞 Lifeline (crisis support and
suicide prevention) **13 11 14**

📞 MensLine (professional phone
and online counselling for men)
1300 78 99 78

📞 Police Assistance (non-
emergency) For North
Melbourne **8379 0800**

📞 Rainbow Door (specialist
LGBTQIA+ hotline) **1800 729 367**

📞 Sexual Assault Crisis Line (SACL)
1800 806 292

📞 Suicide Line **1300 651 251**

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