



LA TROBE
UNIVERSITY

STUDENT UNION

Representing more than 23,000 La
Trobe Students at Melbourne Bundoora



2025 IMPACT REPORT

*Run By Students,
For Students*



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Acknowledgment of Country

La Trobe Student Union acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we work, the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung people of the Kulin Nation. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present, and emerging, and acknowledge sovereignty has never been ceded. Always was, always will be, Aboriginal land.

2025 IMPACT UNPACKED

2025 was a defining year for La Trobe Student Union (LTSU).

Despite operating within a much reduced funding environment, the Student Union reached more students, ran more events, delivered more welfare support, and conducted more activism than recent years.

Most importantly, LTSU remained the trusted first point of contact for 23,000 Melbourne Bundoora students seeking help, dignity, friendship, and representation.

Students repeatedly turned to the Student Union for:

- Crisis support
- Food relief
- Events and Community
- Safety concerns
- Academic issues
- Placement poverty advice
- Visibility
- Inclusion and cultural belonging

Key Numbers

1,117

New Members in 2025

20

Office Bearers

2

Full Time Staff

2

Part Time Staff



2025 SNAPSHOT



23,000
La Trobe University
Students represented
by LTSU

17,000+
Student engagements
across all programs and
activities

Our Community

15,500+
Active Newsletter
Members

115
Individual
volunteers

Our Engagement

2,230
Students voted in our
annual Office Bearers
election

45,780
Meals distributed
through Feed La Trobe
*approximately

300+
Students use the
Food Bank everyday



OUR NUMBERS

- 15,500 social media followers
- 17,000+ student engagements across all programs and activities
- 2,230 students voted in our annual Office Bearers elections
- 31 events
- 115 student union volunteers
- 1,200 volunteered hours
- 15,500+ active newsletter members
- 2,500+ student responses to surveys, polls and consultations
- 2 editions released of Rabelais - independent student magazine
- 35 partners
- 40 elected student office bearers trained in NGO governance



Key Numbers

15,500+

Social media followers

2,500+

Student responses to surveys, polls and consultations

1,200

Hours volunteered in 2025



"The food bank has been really great, especially when it's really hard to buy stuff now. It kind of **relieves the pressure** a bit of being a student."

— Lachie
3rd year Global Studies student

Key Numbers

45,780

Meals distributed through
Feed La Trobe*

300+

Students use the food
bank each day

400+

Students fed each
week for 5 weeks at our
breakfast and dinners

5,421kgs

of free fruit, veg & bread
distributed at only 3 Food
Bank Victoria's mobile
markets



OUR NUMBERS

FEED LA TROBE

- Up to 350 students visit each day
- 45,780 meals distributed
*approximately
- 1,800+ students fed at free LTSU BBQ's
- 1,600 students fed during LTSU's Exam Survival Fortnight
- 10+ Chill Out Trolleys rolled out in the library
- 2,000 students fed at LTSU's weekly breakfast and dinners over a five week trial period
- 846 students supported at 3 LTSU x Food Bank Victoria mobile markets in collaboration with Allianz
- 3 tonnes of chilled/refrigerated items provided through the food bank
- 5,421 kgs of fresh fruit, veggies and bread given to students across only 3 LTSU x Food Bank Victoria's mobile markets



"At Allianz Partners Australia, we've proudly hosted vibrant market stalls at La Trobe University, **sharing fresh produce and pantry staples with more than 1,300 students**. The market stalls are all about supporting student wellbeing through access to fresh produce and pantry staples and helping them stay energised and focused throughout their studies."

– Jasmine Dunford
Product & Innovation Lead, Health, Allianz



OUR VOICE

- 800+ students respond to 'Our Money, Our Way' survey on their Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF)
- 500+ students raised concerns about La Trobe's new Student Council
- Multiple partnerships with MP's, NUS, NTEU, unions and NGO's supporting La Trobe's students' needs
- Placement Poverty Report expanded from 2023 with new findings and recommendations
- LTSU opposed University course cuts and their impact on students
- La Trobe Student Union's 'Know Your Rights' campaign continued to highlight challenges in University accommodation and private housing
- 560+ students responded to LTSU's survey about parking on campus



"This year's been about encouraging cleaner, more respectful shared spaces across all four residences. In my role as Student Union Residential Officer, I've loved the little things too."

– Hassaan Khurram,
LTSU Residential Officer &
Postgraduate student



Key Numbers

800+

Students respond to 'Our Money, Our Way' survey, telling us how they want their SSAF spent

500+

Students raised concerns about La Trobe's new Student Council



Key Numbers

660+

Students responded to our survey on period poverty

560+

Students responded to our survey about parking on campus

OUR VOICE

- 660+ students responded to our survey on period poverty
- LTSU supported student led calls to end ties with weapon manufacturers for Palestine Solidarity
- The Student Union demanded an investigation, security upgrades, and respect to its Queer Lounge following vandalism
- LTSU tendered for the new independent student Advocacy Service
- LTSU submitted formal responses on key university initiatives, including the 2025-2030 Strategic Plan, management of clubs and societies, and the Student Services Amenities Fee
- LTSU supported the Melbourne Trump Protest
- The Student Union supported calls and initiatives from La Trobe Speak out for Palestine on the University to cut ties with weapons manufacturers profiting from genocide including BAE Systems, Cisco and Honeywell
- LTSU recognised January 26 as an Invasion day
- LTSU highlighted the activities on Census Day and ReOrientation with members and students

“We just wanted to take a moment to thank the team at LTSU for hosting the farms to families (students) markets throughout 2025, **your support has been invaluable** in creating welcoming and supportive program for the students.”

– Maddie Balzer,
Foodbank Victoria, Community Coordinator

OUR VOLUNTEERS, PARTNERS & COMMUNITY

La Trobe Student Union collaborated with a range of partners including:

- Aldi
- Allianz
- Commonwealth Bank
- Door Dash
- Location Live
- Foodbank Victoria
- RACC
- Bollywood Society
- Bangladeshi Society
- Sony Pictures
- Nelson Alexander
- Slater & Gordon
- Hon. Jacinta Allan MP
- Hon. Jason Clare MP
- Hon. Ged Kearney MP
- Hon. Stephen Jones
- Hon. Kate Thwaites MP
- NTEU (National Tertiary Education Union)
- Hon. Vicki Ward MP
- Victorian Trades Hall
- Hon. Danny Pearson MP
- Hon. Lily D'Ambrosio MP
- Sheena Watt MP
- Hon. Gayle Tierney MP
- Nexia Australia
- Niki Watson
- Raj Kumari Pandey
- NFPAS Accounting
- Campus Group
- Virginia Trioli
- Wormald
- OGL
- Gavin Ryan, OGL
- Tom Balakas, OGL
- Student Experience Network (SEN)
- Paul Clayton, SEN
- Kym Cairns, SEN
- Ross Dennis
- Stanley Ye
- Bread Top

Office Bearers

Parth Jadav - President; Amelia Sevier - General Secretary; Tharun Balasubramanian - Education Vice President; Maeve Riches - Education Public Affairs Officer; Vikas Myadaraboina - Disabilities Officer; Angus Copeland & Ben Davies - Welfare Officers; Bailey Griffin - First Nations Officer; Zara Howell & Ummay Awfa Neha - Women's Officers; Maali Kerta-Rice & Lucy Hatch - Queer Officers; Prottoy Dipro & Lyba Khan - People of Colour Officers; Jedd Brockhouse & Natalie Kirolos - Activities Officers; Tanvir Singh & Hassaan Khurram - Residential Officers; Kawdar El-Safatli & Finley McFarlane - Rabelais Editors

I'm so proud to have contributed to a project that builds a **safer, healthier, and more supportive campus** for all students.

- Huyen Linh Nguyen,
LTSU Campaign Volunteer



La Trobe Student Union thanks all of our 2025 volunteers:

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| • Aastha Trivedi | • Hong Giang Nguyen | • Maya | • Rushi Rane |
| • Abhipsa Pradhan | • Isumi | • Mayank Arora | • Sailor McFarland |
| • Adiba Tahsin Samiha | • Jafrin Chowdhury | • Md Arif Billah | • Samuel Heckerroth |
| • Ai My Tran | • Jaimie Ryan | • Mihini Ranasinghe | • Sapna Konara |
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| • Alicia | • Jay Deshmukh | • Minh | • Sayuni Jayasinghe |
| • Alyssa Gale | • Jeslyn Thomas | • Movindi Tarinya | • Shamsa |
| • Amritpal Singh | • Kairavi | • Gamage | • Shruti Doorgah |
| • Anh Do | • Kasuni Gayesha | • Muntasir Morshed | • Sneha |
| • Anna Elizabeth Jomon | • Ranaweera | • Navkiran Kaur | • Sonita |
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| • Blanca Bolger | • Thilini Kawshalya | • Nidhi | • Tarndy |
| • Chaden Ammar | • Fernando | • Nina | • Tharuki Jayamaha |
| • Chamithya Tennakoon | • Langaola Peterson | • Nishtha | • Thisath Senuja |
| • Chantelle Mulindwa | • Linzel Lobo | • Noah | • Senevirathne |
| • Daanish Olabode | • Lok Bahadur Sunar | • Oyku Gulecyuz | • Tori |
| • Dana Makhoul | • Madhav Sapkota | • Piet Van Dam | • Toukir Ahamed |
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| • Dhyey Shah | • Manabi Timilsina | • Mihindi Cooray | • Vignesswar |
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| • Gopi | • Matilda Anders | • Ruby Bansal | • Yasuri Mannatunga |
| • Hanan | • Matthieu | • Ruby Barnard | • Yingnan |
| • Hanna Berglund | | | • Yoshini |
| • Hariraj Udayaraj | | | |
| • Harjas Singh | | | |
| • Harshita Kapoor | | | |
| • Himanga Wickramasinghe | | | |
| • Himash Appuhamy | | | |
| • Hiranya Wickramasinghe | | | |



"I still remember walking in the food bank for the first time and being greeted with smiles. **The free food wasn't what hit me - it was the people.** It's a place where if you visit, your need for food will be resolved - but if you stay, so will your need for community."

- Ben Davies,
LTSU Welfare Officer

OUR FAITH & CULTURAL CELEBRATIONS

Across 2025, we celebrated and recognised:

- Eid Mubarak
- Lag B'Omer
- Passover
- Eid al-Fitr
- Shavuot
- Laylat al-Qadr
- Tisha B'Av
- Feast of the Assumption of Mary
- Krishna Janmashtami
- Ramadan
- Paryushan
- Mawlid-al-Nabi
- Diwali

And many more!

LTSU was proud to support ANZAC Day, RUOK Day, Wear It Purple Day, Trans Day of Visibility, International Women's Day, World Aids Day, Bipolar Day, Harmony Day.

LTSU is a member of the National Union of Students and the Student Experience Network (SEN).

Thank you to everyone in the La Trobe Student Union community!



"Culture Fest held significance to myself since my younger schooling. The diversity within Northern Melbourne suburbs is why I hold such passion in spreading cultural awareness. As a Polynesian student in Latrobe University, **I believe promoting the art of connection is beautiful.** I can't wait to see more cultural events in the college"

– Junior Lauina
La Trobe First Year Student



OUR EVENTS, FRIENDSHIP & INCLUSION

LTSU delivered one of its biggest event calendars in years.

Major 2025 Highlights

- Culture Fest – the largest Bundoora campus student multicultural celebrations
- A Royal Affair – the end of semester ball in partnership with the Bollywood society.
- REBOOT – start of Semester 2 party 2025
- IDAHOBIT, the Bundoora campus student LGBTQIA+ pride celebration and Pop-Up Party
- Paint & Pizza Night
- O Week Semester 1 and Semester 2
- Our dedicated international student newsletter reaching 2,300 students
- LTSU's Victoria Experience program giving international students a taste of Victorian life at the football, landmarks, Zoo's, parties and tourist attractions
- Phillip Island Half Day Trip
- LGBTQIA+ Comedy Night
- Bowling Nights
- MASO – our Mature Age Student Organisation of students
- Our dedicated lounges for Queer students, Women and mature age students
- Exam Survival Fortnight
- Bengal Soiree in collaboration with Bangladeshi Society
- Dignity is not Dirty campaign



LOOKING AHEAD: 2026

LTSU's priorities for 2026:

- Aim to secure multi-year sustainable funding based on student priorities
- Continue to be the “first stop” on campus and online for welfare, support & community
- Make friendship and support amongst students a must
- Reduce student parking costs and availability of period products
- Improve university services and inclusion for disabled students
- Widen food relief capacity and reach more students
- Expand volunteering to welfare and administrative programs



- Push for transparent, timely university engagement and regular university reporting
- Add a new summer campus festival
- Improve work placements for La Trobe Bundoora students
- Strengthen Queer Lounge protections and inclusion
- Publish more editions of Rabelais and widen its multimedia delivery



WHO ARE WE?

La Trobe University Student Union (LTSU) is the peak representative body for over 23,000 La Trobe University Students at the Melbourne and Bundoora campuses. Our representation is led by and for students and also incorporates the ISC (International Students Collective) and MASO (Mature Age Students Organisation).

For nearly 60 years, La Trobe Student Union has shaped the University, supporting everything from new facilities such as the Sports Centre to Union Hall, providing vital services, tirelessly fighting for the rights of students at La Trobe, and more.

LTSU is the voice for students and will continue to advocate for a better experience for students and members.

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Students represented
by LTSU

Established in 1967, the purpose of LTSU is to advance the education of students of La Trobe University by:

- enhancing the learning experience of students while at the University;
- promoting the interests and welfare of students;
- representing students within and outside the University;
- co-ordinating and supporting the activities of students; and
- providing amenities and services for students, other members of the University community and the public.
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