

La Trobe University Student Union 2026 Election

Candidate statements and photos

Candidates for President



Tully McEwen (Free Palestine)

I'm Tully and I'm running for President of the LTSU. I'm a committed activist and student unionist, who is ready to use the office to stand up to Uni management around the issues that are important to students. I'm running with the Free Palestine ticket.

You might be wondering why our ticket is called Free Palestine.

In the last two years there has been a fight on this campus - between the student movement against the genocide in Palestine, and university management who have consistently tried to censor and repress students protesting against the mass murder of Palestinians. The genocide in Gaza of an estimated 600,000 people is the key political question of our generation, and as students we need to take the fight to Uni management.

As well as censoring student speech against the genocide, Latrobe has also served as a haven for weapons manufacturers like Honeywell, which have previously sold weapons to Israel. This is disgusting and unacceptable, and students have to push back through the student union now.

As a campus activist, I organised the La Trobe chapter of the successful Student Referendum for Palestine which mobilised thousands of students around the country. I led the Gaza encampments, where students bravely camped in the Agora, to protest La Trobe's ties to the genocide.

If I'm elected President I will make these demands of Latrobe.

1. That the university immediately kick Honeywell and all other companies with connections to the genocide off our campus
2. That the university offer scholarships to refugees from Palestine
3. End repression of student activists

If you want an activist student union and a LTSU president who will stand up against management and fight for Palestine, you need to vote [1] Free Palestine.

Maali Kerta-Rice (Together)

I am running as President of the La Trobe Student Union. Our union is vital to represent the views and interests of students, and to provide essential services like our Foodbank, Weekly BBQ and Free Breakfasts. Students need essential support during this cost-of-living crisis, and our union must continue providing support to all students on campus throughout their educational journeys to ensure that they are in the best position to complete their pathways through their tertiary education. Our union must advocate for fair educational practices that do not disadvantage students. We must have transparent SSAF reporting, free parking, and we must fight against the undermining of students' education journeys.

Candidates for Education Vice-President

Jamie Nikolovski (Together)

I am running for LTSU Education Vice-President to make an actual difference to the daily lives of all students. As Welfare Office-Bearer this year, I have made it a mission of mine to ensure our union has a meaningful impact on the daily lives of students. Whether that is continuing to grow our foodbank, continuing to deliver our Weekly BBQs, but also delivering our promise with our inaugural free weekly breakfast, giving students that much-needed meal, boost and motivation to start the day.

Our union must also fight to make our education experience easier when it comes to the university. Ensuring quality education for what we fork out in HECS, proper and transparent spending of SSAF with proper consultation with students on what they want their SSAF to be allocated to. We will fight for fair treatment of students, and fight against efforts making the lives and studies of students more difficult by the university. We will fight to re-gain 3-day automatic extensions, which the university stole away from students without consultation or adequate notice. We will always stand up against anti-student activities by the university, and ensure student rights are protected.



Riley Conway (Free Palestine)

I'm Riley, a long-time Palestine and socialist activist at La Trobe.

We need a union that will fight to cut La Trobe's ties to weapons companies. I have played a key role in the multiple protests and campaigns to kick weapons companies like BAE and Cisco off campus.

Our union also needs to confront the growing threat of Pauline Hanson. Recently I helped organize the massive student walk out against Pauline Hason. Thousands of high school and university students walked out of class to oppose Hanson's vile racist politics.

As a student at La Trobe, I've seen the real negative consequences of our university being run more like a business than a place to learn.

Bigger tutorial sizes, higher fees while staff are underpaid, and the encroaching use of AI in our education. As Education Vice President, I will fight for a La Trobe where education is for students, not for profit.

Vote [1] Free Palestine

Candidates for Welfare Vice-President



Artemis Kiraly (Free Palestine)

I'm Artemis, an archeology student here at La Trobe.

Students are doing it tough right now. We're loaded with student debt and face a historic cost of living crisis. We have to deal with extortionate rents from campus housing, or cram into mouldy sharehouses with half a dozen housemates just to have a roof over our heads.

Juggling the demands of work and study make it hard to afford the necessities like groceries and transport, let alone to spend time and money on things that

we enjoy.

There's a lot more that La Trobe could be doing to make life more affordable for students. I will fight to:

- Cap the price of meals on campus to \$10
- Lower the cost of our degrees
- Ensure that all students are paid fairly for the internships and placements

In the past, Australian universities have also offered free or highly subsidised housing for students to help them deal with the pressures of student life. We want to bring this back.

If I'm elected as your Welfare VP, I'll fight tirelessly for a university that puts people before profit. Vote [1] Free Palestine!

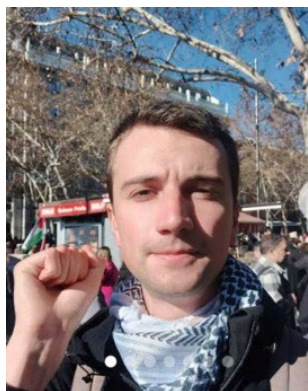
Edan Barnett (Together)

I am running for LTSU Welfare Vice-President to keep advocating and fighting for the interests of students during a cost-of-living crisis. The LTSU Foodbank is the main artery for student support to those who need it, and it must continue to deliver for all students. I will focus on continuing to advocate for cost-of-living support, academic support, and improving mental health support for all students. I will act with leadership, ensuring our union properly represents students interests when delivering services to students.

Candidates for General Secretary

Vineet Yadav (Together)

I'm running for LTSU General Secretary because I want to help build a stronger, more organised and more accountable Student Union. Through my experience in student leadership, I have worked closely with students, clubs, elected representatives and the University, giving me a strong understanding of what students need from their Union. If elected, I will focus on better communication, stronger student advocacy, greater accountability and better support for clubs and representatives. I believe student leadership should be about action and results. I'm ready to bring my experience and commitment to the role and continue delivering for La Trobe students.



Xavier Dupe (Free Palestine)

Hi, my name is Xavier and I'm a language student and a long-term activist.

I'm running for General Secretary because I think the student union should be a democratic body that fights for its students.

Right now students have it tough struggling to get by while courses are being cut and attacks on our student union are being waged. Our government is choosing to put the interests of business and profit over ordinary people while university management looks for ways to shut down activism.

This is something the student union should stand up to.

Our student union must also oppose the rise of Pauline Hanson. One Nation is a threat to students, and our union has the responsibility to stand up to Hanson's attacks on international students and our learning conditions.

Our government is also complicit in the genocide in Gaza. And our university plays a role, hosting weapons companies like Cisco and Honeywell who play vital roles in the surveillance of Palestine and weapons manufacturing for Israel.

Students at La Trobe have shown that they stand for a free Palestine with hundreds coming out to vote for motions to cut ties with weapons companies and to condemn the role our governments played in aiding the genocide.

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Candidates for Postgraduate Officer



Nick de Voil (Free Palestine)

Hi, my name is Nick. I'm a socialist and an education student.

Throughout my undergraduate degree, I have personally seen the quality of education at La Trobe University get worse, with courses using pre-recorded lectures rather than in person lectures, casualization of staff, cuts to units and staff cuts.

All while La Trobe's executives' pay themselves \$900,000 salaries and supply money and resources to weapons manufacturers who are profiting off the genocide in Gaza.

The reason why the university is degrading our education and hosting weapon manufacturers on campus is because they prioritize profit.

Our education is also significantly impacted by the cost of living crisis, with many students having to spend their time outside class working. When they have a placement, they have few to no options for income. As Postgrad officer, I will fight for subsidised placements. We need education for students and not for profit.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a union that will fight for postgrad students.

Srinidhi Nayak (Together)

I'm running for LTSU Postgraduate Officer because postgraduate students deserve stronger representation, better support and a genuine voice within the University. If elected, I will focus on academic support, cost-of-living pressures, international student issues, research student concerns and stronger postgraduate engagement. I want to make sure postgraduate students are heard, supported and properly represented in the decisions that affect them. A stronger voice for postgraduate students.

Candidates for Welfare Officer

Fatima Naseer and Rishabh Pandya (Together)

Fatima: I am running for LTSU Welfare Officer, because I am passionate about making our student union one that provides essential relief and services that are accessible to all students. During a cost-of-living crisis, we must ensure that we support one another during difficult circumstances, and the LTSU has a prime role in providing these services. We must safeguard our foodbank, we must keep delivering our free breakfasts and BBQs, and we must work towards doing more for all students to support them. Students are here to complete their education, and students must be supported to ensure they can complete it to the best of their ability. I will work to make our union one that supports all students, as we are all in this together.

Rishabh: Student wellbeing should be a priority, not an afterthought. I'm running for Welfare Officer to support students facing financial pressure, housing stress, food insecurity and other challenges that can make university life harder. I want to strengthen practical support, improve awareness of available services, and make sure students know they have somewhere to turn when they need help. Support that students can actually rely on.



Harriette Christie (Free Palestine)

My name is Harriette, I'm a midwifery student and proud to run with Free Palestine.

As Welfare Officer I will fight for paid placements for all students, at the rate of minimum wage NOT an allowance.

More and more students are skipping meals, working excessive hours just to get by, or dropping out altogether. This is especially dire for students on placement where many have to juggle the full time work of unpaid compulsory placement along with part time work just to scrape by.

As post-grad students, we are not even entitled to any government allowance, which makes surviving extremely difficult.

If you are one of the few degrees who do receive some support, spread across a standard 38-hour placement week students are given roughly \$8.91 per hour. This is unacceptable.

The student union needs to be a fighting body for students against the government policies as well as corporations and universities that profit off student poverty.

The student union should be an activist body that doesn't just provide services but also stands up and fights alongside students on the issues affecting our lives. Vote [1] Free Palestine for a student union that fights for real change.

Candidates for Education Public Affairs Officer

Aditya Bajpai and Shubhi Shrivastva (Together)

Aditya: Students deserve an education system that listens to them. I'm running for Education & Public Affairs Officer to speak up on issues such as course quality, academic fairness, student rights and decisions that impact our education. I want to keep students informed, challenge unfair decisions and make sure student voices are heard where it matters most. Education should work for students, not against them.

Shubhi: I'm standing for Education & Public Affairs Officer to make sure students are not left out of the conversations that shape their university experience. I want to focus on clearer communication, stronger awareness of student rights, fair academic processes and better representation on major education issues. Students should know what is changing, why it matters and how they can have a say. Stay informed. Stay represented. Have a voice.

This position was elected unopposed.

Candidates for Social Justice Officer



Amelia Christie (Free Palestine)

I'm Amelia, an Arts student and pro-Palestine activist at La Trobe.

As Social Justice officer I will make the student union always stand on the side of students and the oppressed.

Most recently I was a national organiser of the student strike against Pauline Hanson that saw thousands of students come out to oppose racism.

I have been a part of a movement of students who have been fighting back against these injustices by organising the Student Referendum at La Trobe, where over a hundred students voted to condemn the government's complicity with Israel's war crimes in Palestine.

I organised La Trobe students to protest the far-right "March for Australia" to show the Nazis they're not welcome and to support migrants and indigenous Australians.

If you want a committed fighter and activist to be your Social Justice Office Bearer, Vote [1] Free Palestine.

Jasper Keogh and Varad Teni (Together)

Jasper: Our communities, our planet and our education are under pressure from rising costs, discrimination and policies that put profit before people. As your Social Justice Officer, I will fight to dismantle these barriers and build a university that is accessible, sustainable and inclusive for everyone. Together, we can build a student movement that challenges injustice, protects our planet and puts people first, not profit. Vote for a Social Justice Officer who will organise, advocate and fight for real change.

Varad: Fairness on campus should never depend on who you are, where you come from, or what challenges you face. I'm running for Social Justice Officer to advocate for students facing inequality, discrimination and barriers to accessing university life. I want LTSU to be a strong voice for equity, inclusion, affordability and student rights, while making sure students who are often overlooked are heard and supported. A fairer campus starts with standing up together.

Candidates for Activities Officer

Jahnavi Gandhi and Mohammed Tamzid Hoque (Together)

Jahnavi: University should be more than just classes and assignments. I'm running for Activities Officer to create a campus experience where students can meet new people, enjoy exciting events and feel part of the La Trobe community. I want to bring more creative events, cultural celebrations, social activities and opportunities for clubs to collaborate. My goal is simple, more energy on campus, more student involvement and more memorable experiences for everyone.

Mohammed: Campus life should feel exciting, social and connected. As Activities Officer, I want to bring fresh ideas to LTSU events and create more reasons for students to stay on campus, meet people and get involved. From fun pop-up activities to bigger social events, I want to help create a student culture that feels vibrant, welcoming and genuinely enjoyable. More fun. More connection. More life on campus.



Rowan Gruner (Free Palestine)

My name is Rowan. I'm an occupational therapy student and a socialist activist at La Trobe. I'm running because I believe the LTSU should be a union that fights back.

Students are facing soaring student fees and impossible housing costs. Our union shouldn't sit on the sidelines - it should take a stand.

La Trobe students have already shown overwhelming support for Palestine. As Activities Officer, I will make sure our union reflects that by organising bold Palestine solidarity events on campus.

At the same time, I want to use the office to push back against racism and the far right. The student union should be a voice for justice.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for Activities Officer to build a fighting union that puts students and our at the centre.

Candidates for Disabilities Officer



Maeve Russack (Free Palestine)

I'm Maeve, a student activist here at La Trobe. I've been involved in campaigning and activism for Palestine both on and off-campus.

We live in a world that puts profits before the needs and interests of people and we need to fight to change this.

Right now disability services are under attack. In the past few weeks Labor has voted to kick 600,000 people off the NDIS. For those who remain, they are facing slashed budgets. The government has said it will slash every participant's social and community participation budgets by 50% from October. This is a disgrace.

These cuts will impact lower-income students most of all but will undermine vital disability support for all.

I believe the money to do all these things is there, but our government and universities would rather use it to fund a genocide and line their own pockets.

I will fight for students with disabilities to gain easier access to welfare payments and an increase in these payments.

Vote [1] Free Palestine for a student union that fights for dignity for disabled students.

Thomas Cheal and Alycia-Jayde Muchiri (Together)

Thomas: I am running for Disabilities Officer to be an advocate for better accessibility across campus for all students. Our Bundoora campus is infamously difficult to traverse for students with accessibility needs and the university must act to incorporate the interests and views of students with disabilities in planning, operation and infrastructure decisions in order to properly represent and incorporate the views of all students unconditionally in decision-making. I will advocate for students with disabilities, and will not stop until we are heard and considered in good faith by the university.

Alycia-Jayde: I am running for Disabilities Officer to make a difference for all students with accessibility needs, especially for students whose disabilities impact their education. These students must not be disadvantaged by unfair university practices and policies which do not consider these students and then unfairly punish them for circumstances totally outside their own control. University practices must be fair to all and considerate of all students' unique circumstances, and I will advocate and fight for a fair La Trobe and a student union that properly represent students with disabilities.

Candidates for Women's Officer

Savannah Clark and Devanshi Gangil (Together)

Savannah: I am running for LTSU Women's Officer because I am passionate about making sure our bathrooms have free period products. It is disgraceful that this is not the case, and we must ensure that we make the case loud and clear so that we will be heard. So many other universities already provide free period products, so why doesn't La Trobe? I will advocate for all women on campus, making sure our union is accessible to students to relay their concerns regarding their experiences at university or on campus, to ensure we can represent these views and issues to the best of our ability and advocate for students. I will listen and fight for issues affecting students unwaveringly. Vote TOGETHER!

Devanshi: I'm running for Women's Officer to help create a campus where women feel confident, respected and supported. I want to strengthen women's voices across La Trobe, promote safer and more inclusive spaces, and create opportunities for women to connect, lead and support one another. This role should be about visibility, empowerment and making sure women's concerns lead to real action.



Catherine Robertson (Free Palestine)

I'm Catherine. We need more people in our union who are willing to stand up to the growing far right and fight to protect the rights of women. That's why I'm running for Women's Officer this year.

I was a part of the campaign to defend and extend abortion rights in Australia. Protests like these are what I want to organise at La Trobe: proudly anti-sexist campaigns that put sexist ideas to shame and fight to improve the lives of women at University.

I will fight for:

Women's health services to be available and accessible at the La Trobe medical centre
Period products to be provided to all students who need them. These aren't luxury items; they're necessities that we shouldn't have to pay for, and that the university has plenty of money to provide.

As a teaching student, I've seen the reality of how far right 'manosphere' ideas are so common today in young men. You see it on campus too; Andrew Tate-loving men who view women as sex objects.

To combat sexism on campus, the union should openly take anti-sexist, pro-abortion stances. Vote [1] Free Palestine for a union that stands up against sexism.

Candidates for Queer Officer



Theo Huitema (Free Palestine)

Hi my name's Theo, and I'm running for the LTSU Queer Office with Free Palestine!

I know a lot of us are worried about the growing attacks on Queer people around the world and the rise of the homophobic politics driven by the far right here in Melbourne.

I'm proud to have been an organiser in the rallies to push back the transphobic activist Posy Parker in 2023 and I have continued to do that by building the counter-rallies against Pauline Hanson.

I want to be able to bring that work into the student union. As your Queer Officer I will fight for:

- Access to gender-affirming care at the La Trobe medical centre
- End deadnaming at La Trobe, why is it still so hard to change your name within the university!
- Use the Queer Office to mobilise students against the far right and transphobia

Vote [1] Free Palestine to get activists elected who will fight for students, for justice, and for a Free Palestine!

Pierson Barton and Rex Morrison (Together)

Pierson: I am running for Queer Officer to be an advocate and representative for Queer students on Bundoora campus. I will be an advocate for inclusive and safe spaces at Bundoora campus. We must ensure university decision-making, practices and policies are considerate and reflective of the needs and views of the Queer community La Trobe Bundoora. I will be an advocate to the university to ensure that this is the case, and that our union acts properly with the needs and interests of the queer community at heart. I will work towards building a La Trobe where we are empowered to shape our community.

Rex: I am running for Queer Officer to ensure queer students at La Trobe have a strong voice within our Union and university. Every student should be able to study and socialise in an environment where they feel safe, respected and supported. I will advocate for inclusive spaces, stronger protections and meaningful support for students like us across campus. I will work to ensure that university policies, practices and decisions properly recognise the experiences and needs of our community, while holding both the university and our Union accountable to the students they represent. Together, we can build a La Trobe where we are not only included, but empowered to shape our community.

Candidates for People of Colour Officer

Mohammed Niazul Haque and Maria Salameh (Together)

Mohammed: La Trobe is home to students from many cultures, communities and backgrounds, and every student should feel respected and represented. I'm running for People of Colour / Ethnocultural Officer to celebrate our diversity, support culturally diverse students and create stronger spaces for connection and belonging. I want to work with students to promote inclusion, cultural awareness and representation across campus. Different backgrounds. One strong community.

Maria: Representation should mean more than being seen, it should mean being heard. I'm standing for People of Colour / Ethnocultural Officer to advocate for students from culturally diverse backgrounds and ensure their experiences are reflected in the work of LTSU. My priority is to create stronger opportunities for student voices, cultural expression and meaningful participation across campus. Representation with purpose.



Leanna Nguyen (Free Palestine)

Let's face the facts: racism is getting worse, here in Australia and across the world.

International students and immigrants are being blamed for everything from the housing crisis, to crime.

Pauline Hanson is leading the charge, but it's coming from the media and all the major parties as well.

I don't accept that international students should be treated like cash cows by the university.

I don't accept that international students are to blame for the problems in society.

We need a student union that recognises this and stands in solidarity with all students on campus. A student union that recognises our diverse backgrounds and conditions and is ready to fight for an equitable learning experience and social justice for all.

We stand for:

No higher fees for international students

A union that opposes racism and the far right

We need committed activists in our union who fight for students' rights and are willing to stand against university management.

Vote [1] Free Palestine

Candidates for Residential Officer

Raaj Narain (Free Palestine)

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Amna Fahim and Mohammed Aasim Ali (Together)

Amna: Living on campus should feel safe, social and supportive. I'm running for Residential Officer to make sure residential students have a strong voice when it comes to facilities, wellbeing, safety and everyday campus living. I want to strengthen the connection between residents and LTSU, raise concerns quickly, and help create a better residential experience for everyone. Better living. Stronger community.

Mohammed: Residence is where many students build their first real community at university. I'm standing for Residential Officer to bring residents together, improve communication around residential issues, and make sure concerns are followed up rather than ignored. I want to help create a residential experience that is more connected, responsive and student-focused. Your home on campus should feel like one.

Candidates for Editor of Rabelais

Tom Westerman and Elanor Menzel (Together)

Tom: I am running to be one of the Editors of Rabelais to ensure that our great student-run newspaper continues to prosper for the year to come! Student media is a vital tool through which students can tell their stories that matter to them across campus through multiple editions! I will aim to deliver quality student journalism on the the stories and subjects that matter, acting in the interests of students to deliver the news relevant to them, directly into their hands with each edition. Whether that's pop culture, student submissions, current affairs or anything cool, I will continue to work to ensure that each edition is exactly that, quality journalism!

Elanor: I am running to be one of the Editors of Rabelais to help ensure that student-run media at La Trobe continues to thrive over the year ahead! Student media is a vital platform for students to share their stories, ideas and perspectives across campus through every edition. As Editor, I will strive to deliver quality student journalism that focuses on the stories and issues that matter to students, acting in their interests and bringing relevant news directly into their hands. I will ensure that each edition we create is of high quality, informative, fun and, most importantly, Rabelais!



Saria Philips (Free Palestine)

My name is Saria and I'm running for the position of Editor of Rabelais.

Let's make the student newspaper real again, and relatable to things students care about. Vote [1] Free Palestine



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Candidates for General Member

**Tully McEwen, Amelia Christie, Riley Conway, Maeve Russack,
Artemis Kiraly, Theo Huitema & Saria Philips (Free Palestine)**



We believe student unions should be a force for justice and a voice for students' future. That's why we're running for student council.

You might know us from the nationwide student strike against Pauline Hanson, the Gaza Solidarity Camp, the Student Referendum on Palestine, and other campaigns against racism and the far right. We've shown we're serious about building movements that win change.

We're fighting for a better future on campus:

A campus that cuts ties with genocide and exists for students, not weapons companies
Cap rents on res. We need affordable, safe housing where students don't struggle with dingy facilities or rent stress

Ending skyrocketing student fees - access to education is a right not a luxury
Standing with staff against course cuts in arts, engineering, humanities, languages,
linguistics, and more.

Students deserve a union that backs us - not management, the Labor government or weapons
companies. With activist leadership, we can defend students, stand with staff, and build a stronger
fight for Palestine.

Vote [1] Free Palestine.

Sarina Godden, Advita Rao, Denzel Kleinveldt, Niharika Malviya, Ziggy Webster, Amelia Sevier & Yashank Sharma (Together)

We are running together for your General Member positions because we believe the La Trobe Student
Union should be a strong, accessible and accountable organisation that puts students at the centre of
everything it does.

As General Members, we want to work collectively to ensure that student voices are heard within the
Union and that LTSU remains responsive to the issues students face every day. Our University should
be a place where every student can participate and succeed, regardless of their background,
circumstances or course.

We are committed to advocating for students facing the rising cost of living pressures, unaffordable
student accommodation, inadequate public transport, academic pressures, discrimination and
barriers to accessing support and more. We believe the LTSU should continue fighting for practical
improvements that make student life more affordable, inclusive and enjoyable.

We also want to strengthen the connection between students and their Union. Students should know
what their representatives are doing, have meaningful opportunities to contribute to decisions, and be
able to raise concerns without feeling ignored or excluded. We will work to make student
representation more accessible and ensure that the diverse experiences of La Trobe students are
reflected in the Union's priorities.

We are running as a team because we share the same commitment to collective action and strong
student representation. We will work alongside elected representatives, student clubs, societies and
the broader student community to build a Union that actively organises with students rather than
simply representing them from a distance.

A vote for us is a vote for a more inclusive, accountable and student-focused LTSU.

Vote Together for your LTSU General Members!

Candidates for NUS Delegates

Srinidhi Nayak, Jasper Keogh, Devanshi Gangil, Fatima Naseer, Anand Musale, Rahul Bale & Alycia-Jayde Muchiri (Together)

We are running for the NUS Delegate Position because we believe La Trobe students deserve a strong, organised and active voice in the national student movement.

NUS Delegates have an important responsibility to their students. When we attend the National Conference, we are representing La Trobe students, bringing their concerns to the national level, and helping shape the policies and campaigns that affect students across Australia. As a team, we are committed to working together to make sure La Trobe has a strong and consistent voice at NUS.

We share a commitment to fighting for accessible and affordable education, stronger student support, affordable housing, better public transport, international student rights, First Nations justice, action on racism and discrimination, environmental sustainability, and a student movement that represents all of its members.

We also believe that NUS policy needs to be translated into action. National Conference should be an opportunity to build policy, organise campaigns and develop strategies that can deliver real improvements for students on campus and nationally. We will work collectively with other student representatives and delegates to advance policies that reflect the needs of La Trobe students.

Most importantly, we want to be accountable to the students who elect us. We will listen to students, bring their priorities to the National Conference, participate actively in debates and policy discussions, and work together to ensure La Trobe's interests are represented.

We are running together because we believe that strong representation comes from collaboration. By electing a team of delegates who share these values, La Trobe students can have a united, organised and effective voice at NUS.

Vote Together for your NUS Delegates!



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Students are facing a bleak future - skyrocketing fees, mounting debt, genocide in Gaza, and the rise of Pauline Hanson. Our university and the Labor government have let this happen. We need student unions that are willing to stand up and fight back.

For two years, Israel has deliberately starved Gaza of food and basic aid. This genocide has been overseen and supported by the Labor government, who've directly aided the destruction of Gaza by sending Israel parts of the F-35 fighter jets. At the same time, our university continues to host weapon companies, like BAE systems and Honeywell, who are actively complicit in this genocide.

La Trobe students deserve an education that's not about making profits for university management or weapon manufacturers. We've been involved in organising Palestine activism on campus, including the national student referendum and the student strikes for Palestine.

Universities promise us a future, but instead they funnel our money into weapons companies, while leaving students in debt and staff underpaid. We're forced to opt-in to AI and our lecturers are being



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pushed to use AI in marking. Our unions should be defending students' rights: the right to affordable, quality education and a better future.

Free Palestine members have already shown what this looks like in action. We've organised a Student Referendum against the Labor Party's complicity in the genocide, fundraisers, and protests to demand La Trobe cut ties with the genocide in Gaza. We've stood with staff fighting for pay and conditions, and we've mobilised against Nazis and the far right.

But this is just the beginning. With real activist leadership, our unions could do much more to back students and fight for justice.

Vote [1] Free Palestine to put activists into the NUS who will stand up for students, staff, and a free Palestine.