



STUDENT VOICE AUSTRALASIA

MEMBER PROSPECTUS 2023



WELCOME

Student Voice Australasia (SVA) is an international network of students and staff from tertiary institutions partnering to foster and embed a culture of authentic, meaningful and inclusive student engagement in institutional decision-making across governance, learning, teaching and student experience.

2023 is an exciting time to join the network and continue your commitment to enhancing student experience, diversity, career-readiness and equity. This prospectus steps you through the work of the network and the possibilities for the future.

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ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRIES

Student Voice Australasia currently operates from the lands of the Kurna people of the Adelaide Plains.

We respect the living culture, heritage, beliefs and traditions of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, situated from Adelaide, throughout Australia.

Throughout Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to hold land, seas and sky as culturally and personally significant.

We acknowledge that the western institutions of education and governance have come at a profound cost to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

We pay respect to Elders, old people, and knowledge holders throughout Australia's Countries. As a learning and teaching network, the ongoing work of Traditional Custodians to educate, share and empower future generations is of great aspiration to us. In all our work we aim to work in reconciliation and with respect to First Nations people.

Australia always was and always will be Aboriginal land.



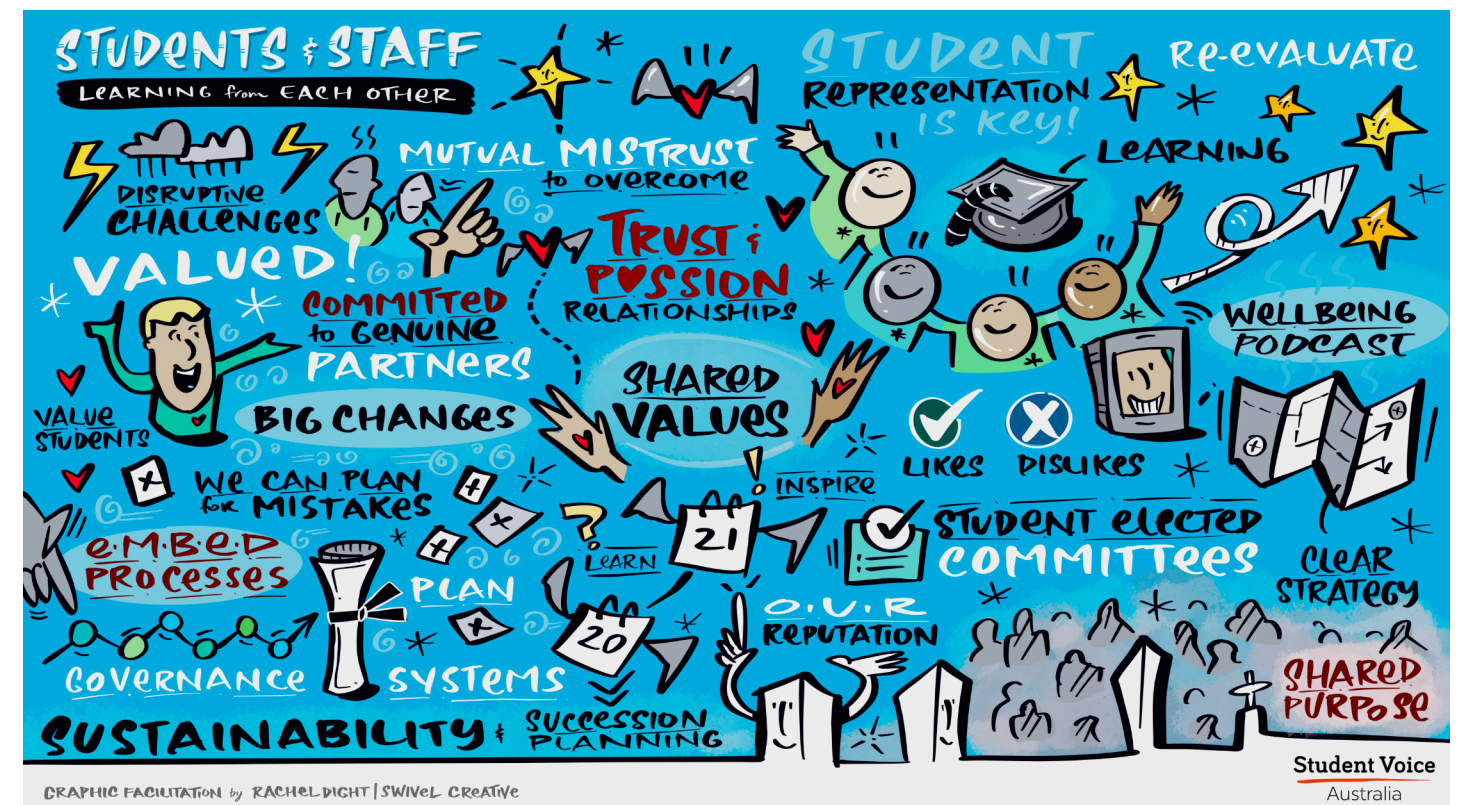
ABOUT

THE NETWORK

Student Voice Australasia (SVA) is an international network of students and staff from tertiary institutions partnering to foster and embed a culture of authentic, meaningful and inclusive student engagement in institutional decision-making across governance, learning, teaching and student experience.

We collaborate, learn from each other, and share best practice to:

- influence a culture of active student participation;
- build the capacity of all students to meaningfully engage in ways that work for them; and,
- build staff capacity to engage and enable student participation, including from diverse voices.



WHAT WE DO

We are an organisation that is resourced and active throughout the year. We provide a range of services, as well as foster a democratic centre for our members to build the network and its deliverables collectively and collaboratively, harnessing the expertise present throughout the network.

- SVA fosters **cross-institutional collaboration** across the Australian tertiary education sector
- SVA provides **resources to upskill**, build knowledge and embed practices of enabling and enhancing student voice, including case studies, workshops, good practice guides and toolkits, for both staff and students. In 2023, the network is showing further commitment to focusing resources on supporting students from diverse backgrounds to engage with institutional decision-making and partnership work.
- SVA presents **signature events**, such as the international Student Voice Symposium and national Student Summit.
- SVA facilitates **practitioner network sessions** for staff and students (including our Students with Disability Leadership Collective) which provide opportunities for professional development.
- SVA provides **expertise and outreach services** to support members with approaches to embedding practices of authentic student engagement through partnership in institutional decision-making across student experience.
- SVA engages with **partner organisations**. SVA has links with the National Union of Students (NUS), Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA), Union of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students (UATSIS), National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Association (NATSIPA), Council of International Students (CISA), as well as international connections with the Irish National Student Engagement Program (NStEP) and Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland (sparqs), and the NZ Ministry of Education.

TAKE ACTION

JOIN IN 2023



Joining SVA demonstrates your institution's commitment to student voice and active student participation. Institutional membership enables *all* of your staff and students to access and engage with SVA activities, events and resources throughout the year.

As a member, your entire institution will have:

- **Access to staff and student practitioner network sessions** which occur across the year and provide structured and semi-structured sessions with opportunities for professional development, informal dialogue across the sector, the sharing of knowledge and case studies, and hearing from guest speakers.
- **Student leadership and professional and career development** opportunities.
- **Access to the full suite of SVA resources** and materials and access to our member portal. All resources are licenced under Creative Commons enabling for adaptation to local institutional contexts and come with facilitation guides and accessible support.
- **Complimentary and discount registration fees** at the National Symposium, which we aim to deliver in person in 2023.

ACCESS TO SECTOR LEADING WORKSHOPS AND NETWORKS

- **Access to expert advice** and consultations, as well as tailored and bespoke workshops and sessions designed and delivered for your local context and needs.
- **Opportunities for cross-institutional collaboration** with colleagues across Australia.
- **Opportunities to connect with and learn from international leaders** through our growing partnerships abroad.
- Member institutions are also afforded **influence over the network's operations**. Each member institution nominates a staff and student partner to participate in the SVA Operational Group to act as champions of SVA at their institution and work closely within the network to decide on and drive annual project plans.



Eligibility

All Australian tertiary institutions are eligible to register for institutional membership.

In 2023, we are also proud to be strengthening our partnerships with colleagues across South East Asia, including our friends in Aotearoa New Zealand to continue to expand and share our knowledge and expertise in enhancing student voice.

Fees

- \$5,000 per new institution
- \$4,500 for 2022 members renewing for 2023

How to register/renew

Please complete and return the attached registration form by Friday, 9 December 2022. For more information, contact SVA Coordinator Piper Bell via sva@adelaide.edu.au

In 2022, SVA was joined by 26 Australian tertiary institutions.

Members drive SVA's resource development and joining gives you access to professional collaboration, opportunities for staff and student networking and development, and enables you to contribute your resources, workshops and champions to furthering student voice at a national and international level.

STEERING

High-level strategy

OPERATION

Network champions

PROJECT

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HOST

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GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

SVA is a network of members committed to embedding practices which support and enable student voice in decision making in learning and teaching, governance and services. We are a collegial, collaborative and democratic network comprising of a Steering Group, Operational Group, and a project manager.

SVA Steering Group

The Steering Group, consisting of senior institutional leaders and their student partners, provides strategic direction and governance oversight. The Steering Group is co-convened by a staff and student member from the host institution and meets throughout the year to monitor institutional and sector-wide issues, SVA's role in the sector, championing student voice at sector level, and fostering relevant strategic connections with stakeholder bodies and groups.

SVA Operational Group

The Operational Group is co-convened by nominated staff and student partners and informs and guides the delivery of annual project plans. The Operational Group comprises staff and student champions from each institutional member, acting as the link between SVA's core business and their local context and who drive and enact our work.

Project Management

The network employs project management staff to manage the operation, coordination and facilitation of the network, its members, events and resources.

Host Institution

The host institution forms the home base for SVA's operations, provides in-kind support and convenes the Steering and Operational groups to ensure the sustainability and success of the network and its work.

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LET'S CHANGE INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE, TEACHING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

We will continue to foster a collaborative community of practitioners that support, promote and enable others to embed student voice and partnership practices and engage widely to empower student voice in tertiary education.

We will continue to develop new, shareable and flexible resources which meet the needs of network members and match content to knowledge and barriers in student voice participation in higher education, including providing targeted action on including diverse voices in institutional decision-making.

We will maintain our celebrated online Practitioner Network sessions for professional development throughout the year and continue to develop and enhance our Student Network groups, such as new Students with Disabilities Leadership Collective.

We will deliver our signature events, including the national Student Voice Symposium which invites leading researchers and expert practitioners to examine and support student voice in higher education. In 2023, we aim to hold the Symposium in person.

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We will be looking at **establishing stronger partnerships with key organisations**, such as Australian and Aotearoan student associations, TEQSA, ASQA and TAFE Directors Australia, and further cementing SVA's role in the sector.

