

Welcome to Student Voice Australasia

Student Voice Australasia (SVA) is an international network of students and staff from tertiary institutions partnering to foster and embed a culture of 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.

Gain access to a member portal

SVA has a range of resources available to support staff and students in developing new and improved practices in embedding authentic student voice in democratic decision-making within their institution. We have a range of tools, workshops and good practice guidelines available.

Request access via the [Resources page](#).


Student Voice
Australasia

 studentvoiceaustralia.com

 sva@usq.edu.au

 [LinkedIn](#)

 [YouTube](#)

 [X \(Twitter\)](#)

To stay an active member at SVA and gain the full benefits of the network we ask all members to join the relevant groups and stay open to connecting with the network through online sessions and face-to-face events such as [SVA Symposium](#) and [Student Voice Summit](#).

Operational Group

The Operational Group comprises one staff and one student champion from each institutional member.

The Operational Group provides an opportunity for members to stay informed, engage with decision-making and governance, contribute to resource outputs and events, and, importantly, act as the link between SVA's core business and their local context by championing SVA and supporting colleagues to make the most of their institutional membership. Read about the Operational group in more detail [here](#).

Please provide up to date details of one staff and one student who will join the SVA Operational Group to sva@usq.edu.au.

Student Network (Students only)

The Student Network is an avenue for communicating with the wider student body to develop and sustain a culture of student partnership in governance nationally.

The network meets in the online sessions to exchange ideas and knowledge, share case studies and best practice approaches, discuss challenges and provide insight and support about engaging with institutions from a student perspective. Students from SVA's member institutions are encouraged to join and engage in these sessions.

You can view upcoming session details, note future session dates and sign up for the network on the [Student Network page](#).

Practitioner Network

The cross-institutional Practitioner Network is primarily for staff who are working in, or interested in developing, a partnership approach to working with students within their institution, particularly in governance and decision-making processes.

SVA hosts frequent online sessions for the network to share good practices, discuss national issues, and provide collegial support and guidance. All staff from SVA member institutions can join this network and express interest in presenting.

You can view upcoming session details, note future session dates and sign up for the network on the [Practitioner Network page](#).

Students with Disability Leadership Collective (Students only)

The Students with Disability Leadership Collective brings together students with disability representative leaders, together with student and staff advocates from across the Australian higher education sector.

As an informal network, we meet 4 times a year to share practices, exchange ideas, offer support, and learn together to advance our shared goal of more inclusive and equitable higher education that serves the needs and recognises the strengths of people with disabilities.

Disability representative leaders do not need to belong to an SVA member institution to join this network, so please get in touch to express your interest in engaging on the [Students with Disability Leadership Collective page](#).

Vocational Education and Training Network

A newly formed network aimed to connect our members from TAFE Institutions from across the country together to share best practices and foster collaboration. This initiative aims to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and expertise amongst TAFE educators, support staff, administrators and student leaders.

SVA hosts frequent online sessions for the network to share good practices, discuss national issues, and provide collegial support and guidance. All staff from SVA member institutions can join this network and express interest in presenting.

You can view upcoming session details, note future session dates and sign up for the network on the [Network page](#).

SVA Working Groups

SVA has two working groups:

- Resources group is focused on creating resources relevant for the sector sharing them on the SVA website, member portal and at the SVA events.
- Student Engagement group explores pathways to promote and grow student participation at SVA as well as strengthen student engagement with SVA and member institutions. Outputs of this group will be shared with relevant networks and at the Student Voice Summit and SVA Symposium.

Members are encouraged to join the group projects at their own capacity to grow their network and professional contribution to the sector. Please contact sva@usq.edu.au to join the working group.