

MONSU CAULFIELD INC

Student Council 2026

Meeting **SC 26.7***Held 26/08/2026 via Ramler Room, Building S*

Meeting Open	
Time Opened:	5:03PM
Quorum:	5:03PM

Present:	Mehika Agarwal, Bailey Parrot, Nicole Tan (until 5:30PM), Amber Wong, Evelyn Chau, David McCleery (until 6:00PM), Shefali Rohit, Mary Swarnika (Swan) Noyel Nerio, Anna Andrasi, Evelyn Kong, Kyra Goh, ZiChong (Leo) Yu, Shreedevi Iyengar, Ethan (Han) Wong, Heinrich Ferari, Darin Sashenka Julian Wewita, Gwyneth Lee
Other:	Rebecca Murphy, Nan Wang, Betty Ni, Ayelet Yahav Zloof, Aikya Rudraraju
Apologies:	Dyan Perera (proxy Mary Swarnika Noyel Nerio), Nicole Tan (proxy Shefali Rohit after 5:30PM), David McCleery (proxy Heinrich Ferari after 6:00PM)
Absent:	

Preamble
MONSU Caulfield acknowledges and pays respects to the traditional custodians of the Boon Wurrung and Wurrundjeri Peoples of the Kulin Nation and people on whose unceded lands we live, learn and work from today. May we also give thanks to Elders both past and present as it is their knowledge and experiences that holds the key to success for future generations.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting
1. Previous Meeting Minutes

Motion SC 26.7-1 MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves to pass the minutes of SC 26.6 & SCE 26.5 as a true and accurate recording of proceedings.	Moved: Shreedevi Iyengar
	Seconded: Amber Wong
	For: All Against: Carried: Unanimous
2. General Representative Proposal Minutes	
Motion SC 26.7-2 MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves to pass the minutes of the General Representative Proposal online circular motion.	Moved: Shefali Rohit
	Seconded: Mary Swarnika Noyel Nerio
	For: All Against: Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising
1. Monash Women's Student Society Discussion: Nan Wang (<i>President</i>), Betty Ni (<i>Vice President</i>), Ayelet Yahav Zloof (<i>Treasurer</i>), and Aikya Rudraraju (<i>Secretary</i>) present their application to form the Monash Women's Student Society. The club's purpose is to provide a safe, supportive, engaging community for female students all across Monash, especially Caulfield. They would provide opportunities for professional growth and community building through recurring professional events and signature social traditions. Their marketing strategy includes presence on Instagram and TikTok, as well as a website and newsletter called "Sisterhood of the Travelling Journal". Their social media is planned to be less of a notice-board, but rather a range of online content that people can continuously discover and watch. Their logo, a swan, reflects social connection, loyalty, and emotional bonds, and their colour palette represents nature. What sets them apart from MONSU Women is their focus on empowerment through social and professional opportunities, focusing on networking and industry engagement with other women. Shree asked how they planned to maintain a safe space for women whilst allowing allies to attend. Betty explained that the club will have women-centred leadership, with all executives being female-identifying, so whilst men and male-identifying people can still contribute as members, volunteers, and event participants, women will have the central voice. Han asked if they would ensure they used the wording "female-identifying student," to which they agreed. Although their name says "women" they are not against any gender diverse people signing up. Clarification was asked about their email newsletter, which emerged from an online trend. They plan for online and physical distribution. After the club executives were excused, Gwyn raised concerns about their branding portraying a limited perception of what femininity is, and doesn't want people to feel excluded by their brand identity. Swan understands this criticism, but the way they spoke about the idea behind the branding of their club was inclusive, this just didn't align with the visuals, so we should communicate this concern with the club. Anna approves their leadership being female whilst still being open to all people, and that this is a good mindset to have. Hein and Swan both expressed that there may be some confusion

amongst the club's executive as to what MONSU Women is, and that perhaps Amy Burrige and the Women's Officer should sit down with them to help them understand the distinction. Swan sees the positive impact this club could have on MONSU Women, hosting lots of events and allowing the Women's Officer to focus on advocacy and caring for the Women's Lounge. Evelyn Kong suggested if we approve this club that we should require that they have a conversation with Amy, the Clubs Officer, and the Women's Officer before they can start running, to ensure clear communication across all parties. Bailey will send a summary of this discussion to Nicole, who should then communicate these conditions to the club executives along with the outcome of the motion.

Motion SC 26.7-3

MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves to activate the Monash Women's Student Society.

Moved: Mary Swarnika Noyel Nerio

Seconded: Ethan (Han) Wong

For: Mehika Agarwal, Bailey Parrot, Nicole Tan, Amber Wong, Evelyn Chau, David McCleery, Shefali Rohit, Mary Swarnika Noyel Nerio, Anna Andrasi, Evelyn Kong, Kyra Goh, Leo Yu, Shreedevi Iyengar, Han Wong, Heinrich Ferari, Darin Wewita
Against: Gwyneth Lee
Carried: Majority

2. MONSU Caulfield General Manager Q2 Report

Discussion: The General Manager presents the Quarter 2 2026 Report. We are currently sitting in a good financial position. Events and the Workshop makes up the majority of expenses. This is in line with additional work requests that have come in for the Workshop. No questions raised about the financial reports. Many new initiatives were delivered in Q2, with more to come in Q3, most notable being the Financial Grant Program. This will start being offered in the next week or so. It is a short-term financial relief program for students who are experiencing financial hardship. Priorities in Q3 include the Annual Election, events, APC process, and strategy & planning for 2027. With APC in particular, there is one faculty that will not start running hearings until September. This means that some students will be beyond the point that they can withdraw from units. No questions raised.

Motion SC 26.7-4

MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves to accept the General Manager Q2 2026 Report.

Moved: Mary Swarnika Noyel Nerio

Seconded: Evelyn Kong

For: All
Against:
Carried: Unanimous

3. Proposed Financial Aid Policy

Discussion: The proposed MONSU Caulfield Financial Aid Policy has been drafted for consideration. This policy will accompany the Financial Grant Program and outlines the rules for administration of the program, and the handling of funds. The policy also outlines the appeals process for students should their application be unsuccessful. One month of bank statements is required for all grants. Depending on what type of grant, other documentation is

needed. Placement grant applications need proof that the student is actually on placement (letter from the faculty). They also need to tell us what they want to use the money for. Emergency grants require evidence such as photos of damage, or receipts/cost of what they need to replace. Personal safety refers to students who might be victims of domestic violence or sexual harm. Students applying for this grant need to provide a personal statement (that is enough evidence in this situation). The grant can go to any undergraduate Caulfield campus student, part-time or full-time. Funding is part of our existing SSAF Funding.

Motion SC 26.7-5

MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves to pass the proposed MONSU Caulfield Financial Aid Policy.

Moved: Shefali Rohit

Seconded: Evelyn Chau

For: All
Against:
Carried: Unanimous

4. Honorariums

Discussion: N/A

Motion SC 26.7-6

MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves to pass honorariums for all Student Representatives for the period of August 2026.

Moved: Anna Andrasi

Seconded: Amber Wong

For: All
Against:
Carried: Unanimous

Confidential Business

N/A

General Business

Fitness to Study and Participate Procedure

Notes:

This document outlines a new Monash University procedure, and they're seeking feedback from student representatives prior to publishing. The procedure aims to assist students that, due to their mental health, the university determines it's not good for them to continue studying. The procedure could potentially be used in concerning ways, with the university excluding students instead of addressing the core problem of what is going on with a student academically. No specific feedback provided. Any feedback must be provided to Mehika or Bailey by 11:30AM, Thursday 27 August, 2026, in line with the university's deadline.

Election Reminders & Conduct	
Notes:	Any person running in the MONSU election should ensure they have read the Constitution and the Election Regulations. They cannot use any MONSU logos, club logos, or any MONSU Crew logos. They also cannot use any MONSU related things at all in their campaigning, including spaces/rooms, or printing at the workshop. Campaigning cannot occur at a MONSU event, or while wearing MONSU t-shirts or hoodies. Campaigning cannot occur inside Building S or a classroom. If caught, the Returning Officer can bar the person or ticket from campaigning. Please remember to be kind to each other and to people who are not on your team. Rebecca reminds everyone to conduct themselves respectfully. The same rules apply to anyone not running for the election. Staff, and student representatives not running for office, cannot be involved in the election process in any way, so please do not ask them for assistance.
Exam Help Packs	
Notes:	Mehika would like everyone's opinion on supporting a new MSA initiative. They are arranging booths outside exam venues at Clayton and handing out Exam Help Packs, providing charging stations, and an SR+S Officer to provide guidance. MSA asked if we would collaborate. This would be at Clayton and during exam period, which would be difficult for us to support. Our term in office ends on October 31, so we would no longer be in elected positions. However, we may choose to do this voluntarily. Shefali suggested we expand our SWOT VAC packs instead. Swan thinks this is a good thing to do, but logistically it would be difficult since we anticipate less volunteers after mid-sem break, so we may struggle with numbers. If we trial this initiative at Clayton, Shree is in favour of trying this in Semester 1, 2027, and this would be the decision of next year's council. We do not feel we have the crew and rep numbers, nor the availability to support this initiative at this stage.
Upcoming Events Briefing	
Notes:	Rebecca reminds everyone of the MONSU Awards Night coming up on September 9th. As the student council, we are hosting this evening. It is a cocktail event and alcohol will be served. Drinking should be kept to a minimum (3 drinks). There are also still some professional development workshops coming up. The Strategic Planning Workshop is on 24 September during mid-sem break. We will get to work with the staff for the entire day on the future of MONSU Caulfield. There are also some optional workshops too. Rebecca will resend the links to these workshops, and she encourages council members to sign up. Han and Swan present the plans for Safe & Sexy, happening in Week 6. A big Safe & Sexy hub will be held on Wednesday and Thursday, from 11-2 each day, in Building K. The event is partnering with EDI,

	Sexual Health Victoria, Minus18, Women's Health Victoria, Esperanto, and University Health services. Goodie bags will be provided, 150 for each day, on a first-come-first-served basis. There is a vibrator giveaway, Esperanto's SEX Edition will be launched, a Drag DJ and mocktails will be served similar to last year. Also recurring is the vibrator race, photobooth, "pin the clitty", sweet tongue twisters, and a call to action wall (both days). A pole dancing class is being held on Saturday night. A Dating in Australia workshop is being run by EDI. Night Creators is happening on the Thursday night in collaboration with Esperanto, featuring collage making. Amber speaks about Sustainability week and the sustainability workshops. Workshops will be held on Wednesday of Week 9. Location will be on the green, in K1.01, and in the Building K walkway. Activities include a vegetarian mid-week meet, clothing swap, and re-cap station (pen-making). Amber will not be available physically, so Han will be helping with the clothing swap, and Evelyn Chau and Kyra will help with the pen workshop. Clothing swap donations are going to be collected 2 weeks prior, with donations also accepted on the day. A portable tent will be provided to allow students to try clothes on. A hot chocolate station will be set up alongside the re-usable mug wall. MONSU's Sustainability crew will be helping out with making pens, then giving out to students. Demonstrations of the pen-making machines are also happening on the day. Bottle caps for the re-cap event have been collected by on-campus vendors, showcasing the focus on recycling and re-using plastic waste. DJs will be there as well as some other external vendors organised by Monash Sustainability. Han raised concerns about the fumes produced by the machines. Amber has confirmed the safety with Ming and says the types of plastic being used should not produce any toxic gases, but she will do some research for Han.
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Papers Provided for Information:
Item 1: SC 26.6 Minutes
Item 2: SCE 26.5 Minutes
Item 3: General Representative Proposal - Circular Motion Minutes
Item 4: Monash Women's Student Society Presentation
Item 5: MONSU Caulfield General Manager Q2 Report - https://share.articulate.com/AGrAeUzSIws_fUIkraKSB
Item 6: Financial Aid Policy Draft
Item 7: Fitness to Study and Participate Procedure

Date and location of next meeting	
Date:	Wednesday 30 September, 5:00PM
Location:	Ramler Room, Building S

Meeting Close	
Time closed:	6:23PM

Minutes authorised by	
	
Mehika Agarwal, President	Bailey Parrot, Vice President