MONSU CAULFIELD INC
Student Council 2026
Meeting **SC 26.8**
Held 30/09/2026 via Ramler Room, Building S

Meeting Open	
Time Opened:	5:05PM
Quorum:	5:05PM

Present:	Mehika Agarwal, Bailey Parrot, Anna Andrasi, Mary Swarnika (Swan) Noyel Nerio, Nicole Tan, Evelyn Chau, Shefali Rohit, Evelyn Kong, Ethan (Han) Wong, David McCleery, Kyra Goh, Darin Sashenka Julian Wewita, Shreedevi Iyengar, Amber Wong, ZiChong (Leo) Yu, Heinrich Ferari, Gwyneth Lee, Dyan Perera
Other:	Rebecca Murphy, Jasmine Spiegel, Zoe Munz, Oliver Jack Woolf, Anoushka Russel. Bronte Feldman
Apologies:	Dyan Perera (proxy Heinrich Ferari until 5:24PM), ZiChong (Leo) Yu (proxy Shreedevi Iyengar after 5:30PM)
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 Minutes**

Motion SC 26.8-1 MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves to pass the minutes of SC 26.7 as a true and accurate recording of proceedings.	Moved: Shreedevi Iyengar
	Seconded: Anna Andrasi
	For: All Against: Carried: Unanimous

Business Arising

1. **Caulfield Australasian Union of Jewish Students**

Discussion: Jasmine, Zoe, Oliver, Anoushka, and Bronte present their application for the Caulfield Australasian Union of Jewish Students (CAUJS). CAUJS is not a new club. They are looking to re-activate after a period of absence due to their executives being too busy. Their purpose is to provide Jewish students with a safe space, community, and opportunity to immerse themselves in Jewish culture. Non-Jewish students can also learn about and engage with the religion and its practices. They hope to secure ongoing long-term sponsorships in Caulfield and surrounding areas. Planned events for 2027 include speed friending, hamentashen handouts, beers & bagels, trivia night, gelt poker, and joint events with other AUJS including Clayton. They are maintaining the previous CAUJS logo for recognition purposes and to ensure consistent branding within existing AUJS clubs. Swan raised potential safety concerns since Caulfield campus is in a very open, public space. CAUJS executives have considered this and are aware of all Monash safety apps and security whereabouts. They understand the importance of arranging adequate security for their events. David asked for clarification on their proposed pathway for addressing antisemitic experiences. They have a relationship with the previous CAUJS president who they plan to turn to for assistance. Shefali raised concerns that CAUJS did not have clear or specific answers to these questions yet. Since AUJS already exists at Clayton, they do have places to get guidance. Nicole suggested we provide feedback encouraging CAUJS to develop clear safety plans and processes for addressing antisemitic experiences. Evelyn K acknowledges that initiating now, especially in Caulfield, is really important for the Jewish community at this time. The proposed events are community-focused which is great.

Motion SC 26.8-2 MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves to activate the Caulfield Australasian Union of Jewish Students.	Moved: Evelyn Kong
	Seconded: Anna Andrasi
	For: All Against: Carried: Unanimous

2. **Honorariums**

Discussion: N/A

Motion SC 26.8-3 MONSU Caulfield Student Council resolves	Moved: Shefali Rohit
	Seconded: Mary Swarnika Noyel Nerio

to pass honorariums for all Student Representatives for the period of September 2026.	For: All Against: Carried: Unanimous

Confidential Business
N/A

General Business	
Activities Officer Role & Responsibilities	
Notes:	Amy Burridge and Kyra are proposing changes to the Activities Officer Portfolio for 2027. After passing responsibility of crew events to Dyan (general representative) this year, a gap was identified in the responsibilities of the Activities Officer. Kyra proposes that Activities Officers add all Breakfast Club events to their portfolio. Crew leaders will be primarily running these events, ordering food and managing volunteers, to reduce burden on Activities Officers. This allows the Activities Officers to focus on big picture planning. Kyra adds that moving forward, any new events that reps would like to plan (outside of marquee events) will go through a new process. Representatives would need to arrange a meeting with an Activities Officer who will work with them through the planning phase, before being brought to the Events Coordinator. This will allow Activities Officers greater awareness and involvement in the events calendar, prevent too many overlapping events, and give responsibility and experience to them. Every plan made with an Activities Officer would be tentative until the Events Coordinator approves. The current event proposal form is also in the process of being simplified. These changes would be implemented for the incoming 2027 student council. At the beginning of the year, Kyra acknowledges that representatives would be required to step up until crew leaders are established, filling that gap. Shefali liked that these changes could prevent confusion around the events calendar since representatives are more involved in planning processes. Dyan raised concerns that this process would make the process slower and more tedious. Kyra explained the importance of Activities Officers being aware of all planned events, and Heinrich added that this process would not significantly slow the process, and the extra step can make events better and more thought-out. Dyan also asked if there was a plan for if Activities Officers were too busy to meet with representatives. Kyra emphasised that having 2 Activities Officers is an advantage, and only 1 Officer would need to be in the meeting. Heinrich raised that the ownership of portfolio events may require further clarification, particularly events belonging to the Welfare and Activities portfolios, as there is not a clear distinction between

	what falls under whose scope. This proposal is missing ownership of each initiative that's proposed. Mehika suggests that the Activities and Welfare representatives meet to discuss further.
Office Bearer Regulations & Leave Request Form	
Notes:	The Office Bearer Regulations will be regulations for all Office Bearers that outline the requirements of becoming an Office Bearer and the expectations for their term in office. After an incident where a student representative was kicked off council due to not completing required on-boarding, the need for clear regulations was identified. The introduction of portfolios for General Representatives also highlighted a need for clear processes, and challenges meeting quorum during semester break identified a need for specific requirements. David asked whether exceptions would be considered for induction requirements, such as inability to attend bootcamp or other training events. Rebecca is reluctant to add an exception clause because it may then be seen as optional, so treating each situation on a case-by-case basis (as is done now) is preferable. A clause may be added to say that exceptional circumstances are considered on a case-by-case basis. Han questioned the possibility of office bearers taking leave repeatedly for weeks at a time within the maximum 3 month limit. Bailey is confident that since the student council must approve all leave, this would not be approved. Heinrich followed up on feedback given in SCE 26.5 that was not yet actioned; he sees a need for some time requirements for attending MONSU events. Han suggested staying for at least 1 hour, and Swan suggested making ourselves available for an allotted time so that we are on standby. Tracking attendance and adding time requirements is difficult when many events are mainly run by crew and require little oversight. The regulations should be revised to explore how minimum event attendance can be measured and tracked.
Annual Survey 2026	
Notes:	MONSU ran its Annual Survey earlier this semester. Students are most aware of MONSU's food programs. They are moderately aware of tax help, MONSU crew, study buddies, events and clubs. Students show little awareness of the student council/student representatives or the queer and women's lounges. This is similar to last year's results, and is something we should monitor and do something about. The biggest challenges reported by students this year were cost of living, academic stress, and finding a job. There is still demand for more welfare/food events, especially on different days and times. Heinrich suggested looking into afternoon tea events and initiatives that are less labour intensive, and Bailey suggested a Friday event be considered next year.
Upcoming Events Briefing	

Notes:	Shefali gave a summary of events planned for Stress Less Week in Week 12. Events include gelato, a self-care kit giveaway, 10-minute massages, colouring and mandalas, recharge station, women's event, pancakes at breakfast club, Mario Kart on the green, therapy dogs, DIY plant pals, and international movie night. Potential events include a Just Dance tournament and a club pop-up during mid-week meet. Swan added that on the Thursday, she communicated with Monash Sport about them running an "introduction to the gym" for women, combating gym anxiety. Evelyn Kong shared that the semester's APC hearings are concluding this week. The feedback period will then begin. Monash Action Lab is organising a co-design workshop as part of an APC re-design project. The Monash Academic Progress team are also running 4 meetings over the coming weeks to get constructive feedback directly from student panel members. The Study Buddy program has commenced and will run every Thursday from 1:30PM until around 4:30PM until exam week 2. Evelyn Chau provided an update on the International Student Representative Conference (ISRC) being held in October this year. The conference would require travel costs, and though she could apply for a grant there was no guarantee this would be approved. Evelyn has decided not to attend due to the uncertainty of receiving this travel grant. Bailey let everyone know that she is sending out a staff/rep feedback form in the next week, for student representatives to provide constructive feedback on communication and processes within MONSU, such as identifying gaps in information, training, or resources. In Leo's absence, Bailey presented his proposed initiative for a MONSU Annual Magazine. This would be an 8-12 page digital and physical program created exclusively for MONSU representatives and staff, serving as a yearly record of the people, activities, and memories that shaped MONSU throughout the year. The structure includes staff/rep/crew lists and bios, a history of MONSU, event summary, upcoming events summary, and group photo. Evelyn K and Gwyn think this idea would be a meaningful keepsake for council members. Several council members raised paper and printing concerns in regards to budget and sustainability. Council would like clarification on where the budget would come from to print the physical programs. Overlap was found between this initiative and In The Loop, however Bailey confirmed that whilst both initiatives were internal publications, Leo's initiative is more reflective, whereas In The Loop served as a monthly update. This would not be official, and distribution must be internal since creative will not have time to work on this project. Shefali thinks that seeing a draft of what Leo's imagining would help the council better understand the initiative. Leo plans to send a form to collect bios of student representatives in the next week, and requests

	these ASAP. If Leo provides an online form for representatives to submit their bios that took around 30 minutes, Gwyn would be happy to contribute. Bailey raised concerns about another compulsory task for representatives as we enter the busiest end of semester, and wants to ensure that whilst participation is encouraged, it would be unfair to make this a requirement.

Papers Provided for Information:
Item 1: SC 26.7 Minutes
Item 2: CAUJS Application Form
Item 3: CAUJS Presentation
Item 4: Proposed Changes to the Activities Portfolio Responsibilities
Item 5: Office Bearer Regulations
Item 6: Leave Request Form
Item 7: Annual Survey Results 2026

Date and location of next meeting	
Date:	Wednesday 28 October, 5:00PM
Location:	Ramler Room, Building S

Meeting Close	
Time closed:	6:32PM

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