



2026 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

Monday 7 September - Friday 11 September 2026

NOTICE OF ELECTION

The Deakin University Student Association (DUSA) 2026 Elections will be held with voting commencing Monday 7 September to Friday 11 September 2026 for the following positions:

18 Burwood Campus Electoral Delegates; plus

1 Queer Representative.

5 Warrnambool Campus Electoral Delegates

12 Geelong Campus Electoral Delegates; plus

1 Queer Representative.

National Union of Students (NUS) Delegates

Seven (7) positions

Nominations and Voting – Election of Electoral Delegates

Only student members of DUSA are eligible to stand in this election. Only student members of DUSA who identify as queer and are registered to vote in the queer ballot can vote for the Queer Representatives (see further details below).

Nominations will open for Electoral Delegates at 9:00am Monday 17 August and close at 4:00pm Friday 21 August 2026.

Nominations for the election of Student Representatives (and Officers) will occur at the Electoral College phase of the election timetable. Further details are outlined below.

ALL STUDENTS MAY VOTE IN THE ELECTION OF NUS DELEGATES

Nomination Forms are available on the Elections page of the DUSA website (www.dusa.org.au) or by contacting the Returning Officer (where access to the internet is not available).

Students defined in the University Roll as 'Online' do not need a seconder for their nomination.

Nominations from all campuses must be scanned and emailed direct to the Returning Officer – Josh Gilligan at dusa@omegaconsultinggroup.com.au. **Please ensure you write clearly on all forms.**

Online votes are available for those unable to attend the elections in person (conditions apply). Application Forms are available by contacting the Returning Officer or on the DUSA website (www.dusa.org.au).

Voting application forms from online students must be received by the Returning Officer no later than 4:00pm Friday 28 August 2026.

Proxy form (for international students currently residing overseas) must be received by the Returning Officer no later than 4:00pm Friday, 21st August 2026.

Polling week will commence on Monday 7 September 2026 and will close at 4:00pm on Friday 11 September 2026 – see polling times below:

Polling times and places for all campuses (except for Online students) are as follows:

Warrnambool campus (Bldg H1.32 near Hopkins River Café)

Monday 7 September 9.30am – 2.30pm

Geelong (Waterfront) campus (Bldg D, Lvl 1 near Café)

Monday 7 September 10.00am – 3.00pm

Tuesday 8 September 10.00am – 3.00pm

Geelong (Waurm Ponds) campus (Bldg JB1.100 Market Hall Dining area)

Monday 7 September 10.00am – 4.00pm

Tuesday 8 September 10.00am – 4.00pm

Burwood campus (Bldg I Lecture Theatre Foyer)

Wednesday 9 September 10.00am – 4.00pm

Thursday 10 September 10.00am – 4.00pm

Friday 11 September 10.00am – 4.00pm

Elgar Road Campus (Bldg LB Foyer)

Wednesday 9 September 10.00am – 3.00pm

Online students as defined in the University Roll can nominate and vote for electoral delegates for the Campus they are attached to. Any online students who are remotely located and unable to attend their campus to vote can request via a form provided on the DUSA elections webpage to be registered to vote online.

DUSA Roll

The DUSA roll will close at **12pm (noon)** on Tuesday, 11 August, 2026. Any student who becomes a member of DUSA after 12noon on Tuesday 11 August 2026 **will not be eligible to vote.**

Queer Ballot

Elections for the position of Queer Representatives are conducted electronically, and a role of registered voters will be kept specifically for this position.

In order to vote in the Geelong or Burwood Queer Representative ballot, you must be a registered voter.

Registrations open on 9:00AM AEST on **Monday 10 August** and close at 5pm AEST on **Thursday 10 September 2026 (the penultimate day of polling).**

Nominations to stand for election open at 9:00am Monday 17 August and close at 4:00pm Friday 21 August 2026. Please note you must be registered on the Queer Representative roll in order to stand for election.

Follow this link: <https://form.jotform.com/261848433419060> to register to vote and participate in the Queer Representative election.

Ticket Re-Registrations and Registrations

All tickets previously registered at last year's annual election may be re-registered commencing 9am on Wednesday 12 August 2026, up until 4pm on Friday 14 August 2026.

New tickets may also be registered from 9am on Wednesday 12 August 2026, up until 4pm on Friday 14 August 2026.

ELECTORAL COLLEGE

Nominations for Electoral College (including Student Representatives and Officers) will open at 9am on Monday 14 September 2026 and will close at 4pm on Friday 18 September 2026. The Nomination Form for Student Representatives will be placed on the DUSA website or by request from the Returning Officer from Friday 11 September 2026.

Ticket Registration opens at 4pm (for eligible authorised officers) on Friday 18 September 2026; and closes (for eligible authorised officers) at 4pm on Monday 21 September 2026.

Electoral College Voting will be held online on Thursday 24 September 2026 where the 'Electoral Delegates' will elect the following positions:

Officers

****President**
****General Secretary**
****Assistant General Secretary**
****Vice President (Education)**
****Vice President (Welfare)**

****Student Councillor I**
****Student Councillor II**
****Student Councillor III**
****Student Councillor IV**
****Student Councillor V**

Student Representatives

Burwood Campus

1 Burwood Campus Coordinator;
1 Women's Representative;
1 Postgraduate Representative;
1 International Representative;
1 Events and Activities Representative;
1 Clubs and Societies Representative;
1 People of Colour Representative;
1 Online Students & Services Representative; and
1 Disability & Carers Representative.

Geelong Campus

1 Geelong Campus Coordinator;
1 Women's Representative;
1 Postgraduate Representative;
1 International Representative;
1 Events and Activities Representative;
1 Clubs and Societies Representative;
1 People of Colour Representative; and
1 Online Students & Services Representative; and
1 Disability & Carers Representative.

Warrnambool Campus

1 Warrnambool Campus Coordinator;
1 Student Engagement Representative;
1 Accessibility and Services Representative;
1 Diversity and Belonging Representative; and
1 Equity Representative.

Nominations and Voting – Election of Student Representatives (and Officers)

Only Electoral Delegates are eligible to vote in the election of Student Representatives and Officers.

Electoral Delegates are only eligible to vote for Student Representatives of the campus they are elected from.



Only student members of DUSA are eligible to nominate for the Student Representatives positions of the campus for which they are enrolled.

Only student members of DUSA who are international students as defined by the University Records are able to nominate for the International Representative position.

Only student members of DUSA who identify as a woman are able to nominate for the Women's Representative position.

Only student members of DUSA who are postgraduate students as defined by the University Records are able to nominate for the Postgraduate Representatives Ballot.

** Indicates positions for election where only Electoral Delegates may stand for election at the Electoral College.

Contact details

The contact details for the Returning Officer are:

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Copies of the DUSA Election Regulations and DUSA Constitution governing this election are available from the DUSA website at (www.dusa.org.au). I strongly encourage all those interested in taking part in these elections to make themselves familiar with these important documents as they govern how these elections are run. Please note that all deadlines are strict and cannot be extended. Candidates are strongly urged to lodge their forms well before the deadlines.

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10th August 2026