

Campaign Rules

Campaigning for a position in the Student Representative Committee or the WSUSU Student Board Director requires adherence to a code of conduct.

Election principles

Free and fair - Every eligible student has a reasonable and accessible opportunity to nominate, to campaign and to vote;

Independent - Elections are administered by an RO who acts free of influence from the Board, candidates and factions

Transparent - Timetables, rules, count sheets and results are published in a timely manner;

Secret – The voting method guarantees ballot privacy and;

Timely - The election life cycle follows the deadlines set out in in these Regulations.

Nominations

Four (4) students must endorse the nomination for Student Director, and one (1) Student must endorse the nomination for SRC member;

A Student may nominate for only one position in an election cycle.

A candidate may withdraw their nomination at any time prior to the opening of polling;

One position only A student may nominate for only one position each election cycle and, including staff roles.

Campaigning

Campaigning Period begins at the close of nominations Friday, August 29th, 4PM and ends at the close of ballots Monday, September 29th, 4PM.

Campaigning must be truthful, respectful, non-defamatory, non-discriminatory, and comply with University codes of conduct.

All election material must clearly display candidate name, student number and home campus, and must not contain offensive, defamatory or misleading content.

Spending cap of campaign expenditure must not exceed AUD \$500 *per candidate* or 1,500 *per ticket*. Campaign-expenditure returns must be submitted within seven (7) working days of the formal declaration of results. Every candidate and ticket must lodge with the Returning Officer (RO) an itemised statement of campaign expenditure (including all donations). The RO will publish all statements on the WSUSU website within five (5) days.

The following are prohibited

- The use of megaphones or amplified sound on campus
- Campaigning by non-students
- display of political party logos or branded clothing
- Offering any inducement to vote or abstain
- Use of University or WSUSU resources without permission
- Interference with another candidate's material or ballot access
- Harassment, bullying, intimidation, or deformation of any kind
- Campaign activity in designated no-go zones (e.g. libraries, exam venues)
- Any conduct bringing WSUSU or the university into disrepute

University Resources

No use of the University's crest, logo, name or other trademarks on election material unless prior written permission is obtained from the University. If permission is received, then the assets must be used in alignment with the University's brand guidelines.

All campaign material must respect copyright and follow the University's Brand and Visual Identity, Copyright and Social-Media policies.

Campaign material must not imply endorsement by WSUSU, the University or staff.

University lecture theatres, classrooms, email lists, LMS, intranet etc. may not be used for campaign purposes without written approval from the relevant University officer. Approved uses must follow venue-hire conditions and security directions;

WSUSU does not indemnify any candidate or campaigner against defamation claims arising from their campaign material.

Authorised by the Returning Officer Paul Clayton 2025