

Free Food



87,000+
FREE MEALS

across all RUSU
departments &
events

FREE LUNCHES PROGRAM

52,800+
SERVES



115

Events

6

Campuses

FREE BREAKFAST

34,140+
SERVES



116

Events

7

Locations

WELFARE ON WHEELS



7,200+
students reached
across 24 events

FRESH FRUIT PROGRAM



7,040+
serves of
fresh fruit

COMPASS MATERIAL SUPPORT

2,295

students accessed
grocery packs



1,170

students provided a free
bags of fresh produce,
groceries and a recipe
card across 3 **Compass
Marketplace** events

RUSU REALFOODS




Affordable, healthy and
sustainable meals

All meals under

\$10

RUSU Events

59,200+
ATTENDANCE at all RUSU Events – including free lunches & social events

 **75**
RUSU ticketed social & departmental events

 **6,400+**
ticketed attendees

 **550+** students celebrated RUSU's 80th Birthday in a huge Storey Hall event

 **SPECIAL RUSU EVENTS**
Multicultural Week, Indian Independence Day (collaboration with RMIT Indian Club), Pride Week, Let's Get Consensual, Save Your GPA, Compass Market Place and Oktoberfest.



CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



Brunswick (Welfare)

New Brunswick Buddies Table initiative - make friends and connect with fellow students through a tablecloth sewing project



Bundoora

Involvement in the Activate Bundoora project and redesign of 204 as a student activity space 'The Pulse'.

ORIENTATION

5,000+
students attended
RUSU Orientation Events
(all campuses)

2,000+

students attended
Welcome Bash



26

RUSU Club Orientation
'Welcome Grants' awarded

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS



Indigenous:
Welcome dinner.
Care Packs - 35 welcome packs and 50 stress less care packs

Sustainability:
Sustainability Week, eco painting workshop, reusable metal straw sets and seed pack giveaways



Disability & Carers:
Neurodiverse Study Sessions and Disability & Carers coffee catch ups

International:
International welcome mixer and Exchange student mixers, Cheese social



Women's:
International Women's Day Celebrations including Smoke, Sauna, Sisterhood movie screening. Regular women's room lunches



Queer:
Regular coffee catch ups, Women's & Queer Mixer, Pride Week – celebrated with Pride Chill & Grill on each campus, bracelet making, movie night, board game night, a pride week mixer and attending the RMIT Pride March

Advocacy, Representation & Welfare

29

Elected
RUSU Student
Representatives

13

RUSU Student
Council
Meetings

217

Student
attended the
RUSU AGM



16

Number of boards &
committees students
reps advocated on

RUSU student reps provided student voice on:

- Our Watch – Development of Best Practice Guidelines for Consulting with Students
- Tertiary Education Quality Standard Agency Conference
- Walking, Talking and Working Together – Gender Prevention Workshop
- Progressing Disability Inclusion at RMIT

Successfully advocated for:



Expansion of
RMIT Hardship
Grant Program



Permanent
sensory friendly
study space



Free menstrual
products in select
all genders and
accessible
bathrooms

RUSU INFO COUNTERS

In person advice and information provided to students across all campuses.



8,108

student
queries at the
info counters



1,647

students triaged
through the RUSU
service email
account



391

bookings
administered
for RUSU
Spaces

STUDENT RIGHTS

5

RUSU Student Rights Officers provided free and confidential advice, independent of RMIT

Consultation
appointments

1,411



Outcomes
achieved
for
students

719

SROs
supported
student
hearings

89

COMPASS



3

Compass
Drop in
Centres
open



2

Compass
Coordinator
staff
employed

3,300+

STUDENTS
REACHED

via Compass
outreach events



Launched **Cost of
Living Week**

1,744


Compass Drop-In
student contacts

23

Compass volunteers
attended 158 shifts

Clubs & Societies

89
AFFILIATED
CLUBS



9

NEW
CLUBS

- RMIT Australian Union of Jewish Students
- Cambodian Student Association
- Microsoft Enthusiasts Club
- Women In Built Environments
- Matcha Club

- CLUBS
- 50 Academic
 - 19 Cultural
 - 10 Social
 - 4 Political
 - 6 Spiritual

CLUB GRANTS

304

specific grants
awarded totalling

\$112,127

26

orientation
grants totalling

\$11,000



12,590
club members




800+
club events

Volunteers



222
RUSU STUDENT
VOLUNTEERS
new and returning



2,983 hours
completed by volunteers

VOLUNTEER AREAS

Compass, Realfoods Café,
Events, Info Counters,
Free Breakfast, Student
Rights Hearings

STUDENT CASUALS

12

trained and
employed RUSU
/ Realfoods
student casuals

TRAINING
ATTENDEES

176

students
attended
accredited
trainings



63

Food Safety
Handling

13

YMHFA for
Compass



45

Responsible
Service of Alcohol

55

Internal
Trainings

Communication & Media

6,044
RUSU 2024
FINANCIAL MEMBERS
 56% International / 44% Local



53 Member only newsletters sent



11.7K Instagram followers



6 RUSU merch items launched in store

13 MEMBER-ONLY COMPETITIONS



69

Prizes given away



126

Movie tickets given away

CATALYST MAGAZINE

4 CATALYST EDITIONS 

2 printed **2** online

Editions: Off to A Street,
 The Improv Issues, Nest,
 Minor Mess



3

elected student editors



77

volunteer designers, sub-editors, content officers and contributors

RMITV

692 RMITV MEMBERS



12

productions



245+

volunteers on 'in-person' productions

106 reviews

22 in-review writers



5 RMITV Events

6 Training Workshops

9 Producer Roles

6 Management Team Roles

Collaborations

700

students attended

BUNDOORA MINI CLUBS DAY (WITH STEM)

Bringing together all 9 Health Science clubs, integrating with RUSU's free lunch program to boost club visibility and engagement.

91



students participated

BUNDY BASH LEAGUE 2024 (WITH RMIT ACTIVE)

A day of social sports fun (including; Badminton, Volleyball, Basketball, Futsal, and Pickleball), free food, and community fun, followed by an awards ceremony with drinks, music and participation from sponsors.

WOMEN'S STRENGTH TRAINING CLASSES (WOMEN'S DEPT. WITH RMIT ACTIVE)

This collaboration (City & Bundoora) provided strength training sessions in a social setting, followed by an optional coffee catch up.



METROPOLIS ARTWORK (WITH RMIT CREATIVE)

Artist *Rachel Shugg* and the RMIT student community artist created a participatory work that amplifies Deaf and Disabled perspectives at RMIT.



NEURODIVERS E STUDY SESSIONS (WITH RMIT LIBRARY & ELS)

These sessions are designed to create a safe and neuroaffirming study space for neurodivergent students.



BRUNSWICK STRESS LESS WEEK PANEL (WITH SCHOOL OF FASHION AND TEXTILES)

The RUSU Brunswick Rep, hosted a joint panel discussion regarding student wellbeing in creative studies. The panel included the Dene of the School of Fashion and Textile, a Bachelor of Fashion student and Compass Coordinator.



RMIT PRIDE MARCH

RUSU joined with RMIT staff and students for the RMIT Pride March during Pride Week which went through Bowen Street and ended at the Pride Chill N Grill event.

Sponsorships

100,000+

**FREE PRODUCTS
GIVEN TO STUDENTS**

8

major sponsors
supported
orientation
events



75

sponsors engaged
across the year



28

members exclusive
offers online

\$75,000+

**stock contributions and
free items for students**