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INFORMATION  
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*RUSU*

*2025 Annual Election*

# AGENDA

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- Governing documents
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- Exclusion zones
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# WHO WE ARE



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# GOVERNING DOCUMENTS

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- [RUSU Constitution](#)
- [RUSU Regulations](#)
- [RMIT Student Conduct Policy](#)

[RUSU election webpage](#)

[RMIT student policies](#)

## Section 6.18

### Forbidden Practices

- 6.18.1 No Candidate or campaigner shall in any manner whatsoever alter, deface, damage, interfere with or remove any election material which belongs to another Candidate. Any person found so doing may be barred from any further participation in the Election (with the exception of actually voting).
- 6.18.2 In addition to these Regulations, Candidates advertising shall be restricted by normal University Regulations, including RMIT use of technology agreements.
- 6.18.3 No person shall cause damage or defacement to any public or private property inside or outside the University for the promotion of any Candidate(s) in any election of the Student Union Council. For the purpose of this section, damage or defacement shall be taken to include stickers and posters and chalking that cannot be removed with water on the inside or outside of buildings, steps, handrails, footpaths, trees, poles, bins, signs or any part of the University and its surrounds not specifically set aside for such purposes.
- 6.18.4 No candidate or campaigner shall publish, print, publicise or disseminate any electoral material without the authorisation of the Returning Officer.
- 6.18.5
- (a) A person shall not engage in any dishonest practice in relation to an election.
  - (b) A person shall not in relation to an election, print, publish, verbalise or distribute, or cause, permit or authorise to be printed, published or distributed, any matter or thing containing a statement:
    - (i) that is untrue; or
    - (ii) that is, or is likely to be, misleading or deceptive;
    - (iii) that is discriminatory, sexist, racist, homophobic, militaristic or,
    - (iv) that contravenes SUC policy.
  - (c) A person shall not make or publish any false statement in relation to the personal character or conduct of a Candidate.
  - (d) A person shall not:
    - (i) vote more than once in the same election;
    - (ii) record a vote to which they are not entitled; or
    - (iii) interfere with email ballots or attempt to vote using another student's ballot.
  - (e) A person shall not hinder the Returning Officer, Deputy Returning Officer or any other person appointed to assist the Returning Officer in the execution of their duties. This includes disobeying a direction of any election official.
  - (g) A person shall not engage in behaviour that is intimidating, aggressive, threatening or harassing towards any other person(s).
  - (h) No person may offer bribes or incentives to influence the decision of any student to vote, to not vote or how they may vote. For the purposes of this clause campaign materials such as t-shirts or badges are not incentives, but food, gifts or knick-

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- knacks are.
  - i) No person may pay another person in cash or kind to campaign in the election. For the purposes of this clause the reasonable provision energy foods, non-alcoholic drinks and campaign t-shirts are not considered incentives.
  - j) No person may send emails from RUSU or RMIT Student Life Clubs or collectives, or RMIT Kirrip official accounts or from accounts related to RMIT Mentors programs.
  - k) No person may create or use self-generated email lists of RMIT students or student clubs/groups for the purpose of campaigning or spam emails.
- 6.18.6 No candidate or campaigner shall make use of resources of the SUC or RMIT University without the prior approval of the Returning Officer.
- 6.18.7 No candidate or campaigner shall distribute or broadcast any material in relation to the election without the prior written authorisation of the Returning Officer.
- 6.18.8 No candidate or campaigner shall display any poster, distribute leaflets or solicit votes within an area designated by the Returning Officer, of a polling booth or impede without just cause the conduct of the election.
- 6.18.9 No candidate or campaigner may vote on behalf of another student or threaten and/or intimidate voters.
- 6.18.10 The Returning Officer has authority to make rules around handling and viewing a voter's device during online voting. Candidates and or campaigners must not breach these rules.
- 6.18.11 No candidate or campaigner may campaign in the election including distributing campaign material prior to the election campaign period as defined in section 6.9 of these Regulations.
- 6.18.12 If on-campus polling and campaigning is inconsistent with Health Directions and University policy, it will be prohibited or restricted during the voting period.
- 6.18.13 The Returning Officer has the authority to declare exclusion zones where campaigning is prohibited. Candidates and campaigners may not campaign in an exclusion zone.
- 6.18.14 Should it be proven that any candidate or campaigner has breached any of these, then that Candidate shall be subject to disciplinary action (as per sections 6.16.3 and/or 6.19 of these regulations).

Chalking - on ground only

# EXCLUSION ZONES

- Around polling support staff (indicated by white line)
- RMIT libraries:
  - *City - Building 10, Levels 5 & 6*
  - *Carlton - Building 94, Level 3*
  - *Bundoora West - Building 210*
  - *Brunswick - Building 514, Level 2*
- Kirrip Place - Building 12, Level 4
- RUSU Information Counter - Building 12, Level 4
- Sensory friendly study space - Building 56, Level 4, Room 91
- Calm Zone - Building 8, Level 3







# COMPLAINTS

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- Complaints relating to candidates, campaigners and the integrity of the election go to the Returning Officer
- Complaints about safety/security must be reported to RMIT Security or RMIT Safer Community