

Free Food / Food Security



175,000+

FREE MEALS
or meals made possible
through grocery or
vegie packs

FREE LUNCH PROGRAM

70,000+
SERVES



141

Events

7

Locations

1,500

students fed through the
NEW RMIT UP lunch



Bundoora East Lunches
now weekly + more
lunches for VE Students

FREE BREAKFAST PROGRAM

51,000+
SERVES



179

Events

8

Locations



25 weeks of free
breakfasts

220 **First Nations**
students

accessed a free breakfast through the
expansion of our program in semester 2

FREE
FRESH
PRODUCE



12.41

TONNES

of sustainably sourced fresh
produce free to students

NEW VE POP-UP VEGIE MARKETS



7 pop-up
events

1,590

bags of
fresh vegies

3,565

kilos of
fresh vegies

Free Food / Food Security

COMPASS CUPBOARD & MARKETPLACE

46

Compass Cupboard events across City, Bundoora & Brunswick Campuses

3,885+

free Compass Cupboard grocery packs distributed to students



NEW

Groceries and fresh produce provided by Food Bank for City Cupboard

NEW

Bundoora Compass moves to the former Realfoods site - adds fresh produce



1,988

student recipes and grocery/fresh produce bags distributed at Compass Marketplace

COST OF LIVING WEEK

7

Events

4

Locations



1,950

students reached & provided vegie bags/boxes

1,000

"Top Tips for Budget Living" Booklets distributed

NEW

RUSU Free Food Resources Webpage

WELFARE ON WHEELS

6,500+

students reached

9,600+

snacks provided

RUSU Student Representative run



32

Pop-up stalls

4

Library Locations

REALFOODS

Providing healthy, ethical, sustainable and affordable meals for students.

3,000+

subsidised student meals served

2,000

free curry meals served

8,800+

hot, healthy curries/dahl and rice meals served

JFC FOOD SECURITY COLLABORATION

RUSU provided support for Just Food Collective's **WELL FED FRIDAY** - fighting food waste

2,299

free meals

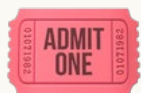
2,032

grocery bags



RUSU Events

78,300+ at all RUSU Events – including free lunches & social events
ATTENDANCE



116 RUSU ticketed social & departmental events



441 students partied at Storey Hall 'Disco Disco' party

6,125 ticketed attendees at 32 parties/major events



Special Theme Weeks



Multicultural Week, Indian Cultural Festival, Chinese Cultural Festival, Pride Week, Let's Get Consensual, Save Your GPA, Compass Market Place.

CAMPUS HIGHLIGHTS



Brunswick
Brunswick Welcome Drinks and Fabric Draping Competition



Bundoora
Building 204 "The Pulse" launched alongside Bundoora events including Carnival Day, an Iftar gathering, and an "Encanto" movie night

ORIENTATION

2,500 students attended RUSU's 'Welcome Bash' event

3,400+ students attended 11 ticketed RUSU Orientation Parties

DEPARTMENTAL HIGHLIGHTS

2,234 students attended departmental events, organised by students for students



45 Departmental Events delivered including:

- **International Department:** international cooking classes, Chinese Cultural Celebration
- **VE Department:** Weekly coffee hangs, VE welcome drinks, meet your VE rep
- **Women's Department:** IWD Speed Networking, weekly Crafternoons, all day women's study session
- **Queer Department:** Weekly coffee catch ups, welcome picnic, Queer x Women's Department Mixer, Pride Week Mixer
- **Indigenous Department:** Welcome meals, free breakfast and fruit and veg pack initiatives, pre-assessment self-care kits
- **Postgraduate Department:** postgraduate coffee catch ups including HDR editions, Postgraduate Mixer
- **Sustainability Department:** edible garden workshops, seed paper making workshop
- **Disability and Carers Department:** weekly disability and neurodiversity coffee catch ups, continued support and resourcing of Neurodiverse Study Sessions
- **Education Department:** Pre-assessment period study sessions, Save Your GPA Week including Save Your GPA party

STUDENT LIFE AWARDS



14 students awarded **7** clubs awarded

\$10,650 granted in prize money

Clubs & Societies

95

AFFILIATED CLUBS

CLUBS

- 53 Academic
- 22 Cultural
- 10 Social
- 4 Political
- 6 Spiritual



LAUNCHED
Rubric Clubs online platform

UPDATED
Club Leader Resources Website

CLUB GRANTS

491

specific grants awarded totalling

\$190,800+

52

welcome grants totalling

\$26,281



23,348
club members



1,100+
club events approved

NEW CLUB GRANTS



Activation Grant launched to support club activity in Building 78 'RUSU After Dark' or Building 204 'The Pulse'



Club Orientation Grants enabling clubs to boost orientation stalls and activities



Club Executive Reconnect Grant to support handover activities between incoming/outgoing executive

CLUB LEADERSHIP

300



New Club Leader Welcome Bags produced with resources

Club Executive Reconnect Grant (CERG) introduced to support handover activities

AGM Resource web page launched to support club transition and governance

Volunteer Program

 **208**
new and returning
RUSU VOLUNTEERS

 **2,822 hours**
completed by
RUSU VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER AREAS

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

TRAINING ATTENDEES

139
students
attended
accredited
trainings

110 attended external accredited trainings – Food Handling, RSA, MHFA

29 attended internal trainings - Student Rights

197 volunteers completed the online ‘Do Food Safely’ module

STUDENT CASUALS




17 Event, Info Counter and Realfoods student casuals employed

 **83** will receive recognition of their volunteering on their RMIT Transcript

 **61** new merit badges awarded

Welfare

COMPASS

 **3** Compass Coordinators
 **4** Drop in Centres
 **1,408** student contacts

NEW

Carlton Compass Drop in Centre opened - more support for VE students

7,300+ STUDENTS REACHED
through Compass Outreach events

21 MAJOR OUTREACH EVENTS
Including Stress Less Week, Compass Marketplace and Cost of Living Week

 **186** Compass volunteer shifts (Drop in centre and Compass Cupboard)

Communication & Media

6,003

RUSU 2025
FINANCIAL MEMBERS

62% International / 38% Local



14.7K Instagram followers



24 online membership discount advertisers



191 prizes given away across 23 comps.



NEW RUSU website and membership platform launched January 2025

\$80,000

in sponsorship including \$40,000 in free products for students

CATALYST MAGAZINE

4 CATALYST EDITIONS



Editions: Adrenaline, Ambiguity, Rooted, Hereafter

2

printed

2

online

RMITV

599 RMITV MEMBERS



11

productions

Short films, webseries, training shows, flagship shows and workshops



3

elected student editors



23

designers, photographers and writers



15

RMITV producers



150

active volunteers

Advocacy & Representation

REPRESENTATION

29 elected student reps on the Student Union Council

13 Student Union Council meetings held

324 students attended the RUSU AGM

7,513 students voted in the 2025 RUSU annual election



RUSU PRIORITIES

- Interim Equitable Learning Plans introduced
- Process to opt-in to Adobe Access
- Food Access for students
- Expansion of Free Period Product Vending Machine Access
- Preferred names on student cards
- Universal Submission Deadline for VE students
- Student kitchenette installed at Brunswick

RUSU student reps advocated for students at RMIT across:

9 boards / committees

5 advisory / working groups



STUDENT VOICE POLICY & SUBMISSIONS



- Continued feedback into the ongoing review of the Assessment and Assessment Flexibility Policy Suite
- Submission to the consultation on the Disability Standards for Education (2005)
- Submission in response to the TEQSA Act consultation paper
- Bundoora Parking Report

RUSU INFO COUNTERS

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



8,229

In person info counter queries

7,008

emails through the RUSU service and student rights accounts

1,821

students triaged through the Student Rights email service

486

student phone call queries recieved

500

RUSU Room Bookings - student & club events

STUDENT RIGHTS

1,282 Consultation appointments

6 RUSU Student Rights Officers providing free and confidential advice

1,095

new student cases

719

outcomes achieved for students

105

hearings supported by SROs



1,282 Consultation appointments

19

student volunteers sat on 28 RMIT Hearings (including 21 Student Conduct Hearings)

Collaborations



FOODBANK

In 2025 RUSU was accepted as Foodbank partner, enabling us to place weekly orders for groceries and fresh produce for Compass Cupboard through Food Bank.



JUST FOOD COLLECTIVE (JFC)

RUSU was lucky to work with the superstars at JFC again in 2025 to support student food security. This included cross promotion and resource sharing between Compass Cupboard and Well-Fed Friday and Edible Gardening Workshops (City and Bundoora).



ACTIVATE BUNDOORA

RUSU appreciates the enthusiasm and practical support from Activate Bundoora folks with Bundoora West campus events. Including funding for extra treats and activities at the Bundoora Carnival Day, free fresh fruit alongside Chill & Grill and healthy side salads at RUSU BBQ events.



WOMEN'S STRENGTH TRAINING (RUSU WOMEN'S DEPT & RMIT ACTIVE)

This collaboration (City & Bundoora) provided strength training sessions for female/female identifying students in a social setting, followed by an optional coffee catch up (city) or free women's lunch (Bundoora).



NEURODIVERSE STUDY SESSIONS (WITH RMIT LIBRARY & ELS)

Run in collaboration with the Library and the Equitable Learning Service. These sessions are designed to create a safe and neuroaffirming study space for neurodivergent students.



METROPOLIS ARTWORK (WITH RMIT CREATIVE)

A collaborative project with RMIT Creative in which artist Rachel Shugg and the RMIT student community artist created a participatory work that amplifies Deaf and Disabled perspectives at RMIT.



RMIT PRIDE MARCH

RUSU joined with RMIT staff and students for the RMIT Pride March during Pride Week.



WALERT HOUSE EVENTS

As in previous years, RUSU joined with Walert House to deliver several student events, including Walert House Welcome events and the annual Halloween Party.