

La Trobe Student Association Elections, September 2021

Candidate statements and photographs in ballot paper order Bundoora Student Council

These are the statements provided by candidates for the La Trobe Student Association (LTSA) Elections September 2021. This document covers the Bundoora Student Council.

The candidates are in the order they will appear on the ballot paper. This order was determined at random by the Returning Officer on Monday 6th September; candidates were invited to send scrutineers.

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Bundoora Student Council (7 to elect)

Ansh Verma

Hey La Trobe,

I'm Ansh, a Bachelor of Business (Economics) student. I'm running for a spot on the Bundoora Student Council.

I'm from India and I've been a representative of the International Student Community at La Trobe with my involvement in various Clubs & Societies over the course of my study. I've been the Director of Events for Business & Commerce Students Association in 2020 & the Director of Administration in 2021. I'm the President & Founder of Economics Student Society of Australia (La Trobe University).

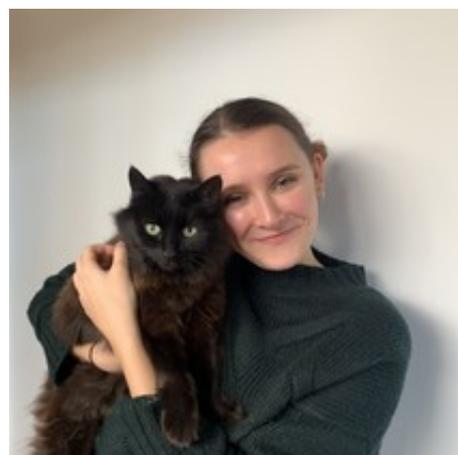


Ruby Nunns

Hi there. My name is Ruby and this is my fifth year at La Trobe doing a Commerce and International Relations double degree (time flies!!!).

Since I've been at La Trobe for quite a fair few years, I know what good student representation is and how it benefits students. The LTSU (not LTSA) have fought for every benefit to students on the Bundoora campus - including parking permit refunds, extended library hours, and the V grade.

The LTSA could never hope to achieve these wins because of its inherent structure. Anything us students vote for that would mean the university as a whole



might “lose” out, means it wouldn’t be approved by the LTSA Board who have historically not supported many of Bundoora Student Council’s notions (including motions about climate change, supporting students, etc.)

I reckon we deserve better than this fake “Student Association” so vote for me if you agree.

Monika Galovic

Hey my names Monika! I’m a first year student at La Trobe and excited to be running.

I am heavily involved with student life as I am the treasurer of the PPE society and regularly connect with other students.

This is why I want to use my voice to start change at LTU, and fight for better student voice! I’m supporting the campaign to Shut Down the LTSA!

The LTSA unfairly disadvantaged Bundoora students and has worked to destroy student representation on campus. Students should be United and supported, but the LTSA wants to work for the university and help push their agenda.

We need to fight for a better deal for students. We need to fight to Shut Down the LTSA.

Eric Seychell

To the students of La Trobe Bundoora Campus, my name is Eric Seychell and I’m running to ensure we the students have fair representation, which means a Bundoora Campus without the LTSA. I’m currently a second year studying a Bachelor of Politics, Philosophy and Economics, and am hoping to study a Master of Teaching (Secondary) afterwards. I’m running because it is more than clear that the LTSA has not done enough to fight for students and has not used student money to genuinely help us! When students throughout this pandemic have gone hungry, the LTSA’s initial response has been to hold a competition to see how many meals you can make for less than \$30, playing games with students lives. It shows a level of contempt throughout this pandemic that I have yet to find equalled. For the good of students, it’s time the LTSA left the Bundoora Campus, and I am hoping I will be one of those intrusted by students to represent this.



Clare Elliott

I have been at La Trobe since 2015 and know how wonderful La Trobe has been and could be again! I'd love to see a La Trobe that cares about its students, a university that is fun to attend and a great campus culture.

I work with Rabelais, the Student Magazine, and am the President of the Politics, Philosophy and Economics Society. I'm very involved socially on campus and a current member of the Bundoora student Council of the LTSA.

I want to see the LTSA shut down in 2021, as it is a disingenuous and immoral organisation. At all opportunities they have tried to destroy the student body at Bundoora, they expelled student leaders and congratulate the university for their staff cuts. Student representation should be run by students. We shouldn't be constrained by 'apolitical' ideologies, and we should have the power to fight the University on staff cuts, cuts to student spending and the destruction of our universities.

I look forward to the opportunity to keep fighting for a better La Trobe.

Its time to Shut Down the LTSA!

Nic Ball

Hi there!

My name is Nicholas and I'm a 2nd year Biomedicine student here at La Trobe Bundoora. I'm an avid car-lover (shout out to Volvo), as well as a massive fan of Fleetwood Mac. I'm very passionate about La Trobe and all the amazing things we used to have pre-pandemic. My tenure on the board would be focusing on restoration and rejuvenation of the University to its former glory, and ensuring that students have a say in every step of the process about what they want, not what a university-backed corrupt institution thinks students want. If you vote for me, you are doing your bit to ensure that student representation remains in the hands of students. Would the staff-run LTSA understand the struggles of students? Think again.

Ida Iamyinphanit

Hi everyone!

My name is Ida, and I am a first-year biomedicine student studying at the Bundoora campus. I am applying for one of the Student Council positions as I would like to be involved in helping improve student life at LTU. Being online for most of this year, it's hard to make new friends. If I have the opportunity to become a part of the Student Council, I hope to organise fun online events to help connect students (from any course and all ages) together and build a comfortable and enjoyable atmosphere for all.

Thanks for reading :D



Rachael Mifsud

Hi there! My name is Rachael and I am 21 year old Honours (History) and Archaeology student at the Bundoora campus. I hope to bring my friendly face and passion for justice and equality to the table as I constantly have, and continue to advocate for impartiality and equal opportunities for all fellow students. I seek to act as a voice for the voiceless - speaking up for students who may wish to advocate for/against issues alike:



- > Online studies & how it is impacting student education (requesting for the V-Grade to maintain through lockdown).
- > Lowering SSAF (Student Services and Amenities Fees) particularly whilst most facilities are strictly online at this current stage in time.
- > More study/admin/financial support to be considered alike the \$250 emergency grants.

I currently am a HUSS Student Advisor for Honours and a Peer Mentor. I also work within Customer Care at LTU and continue to offer my thoughts and opinions where possible on matters pertaining to the overall student experience. I am always open to discussing new ideas and believe myself to be a worthy candidate to help strive for an overall better experience at La Trobe University.

Lukas Jamieson

Hey everyone, I'm a 3rd year Law/Media and Communication student, running for the Bundoora Student Council.

Through the LTSU, I have been part of successful campaigns to:

- Protect our V grade
- Improve residential conditions
- Extend library hours
- Refund parking permits
- Provide free grocery vouchers

I'm also part of the CHANGE campaign to Shut Down The LTSA. The LTSA was set up on the Bundoora campus even though students voted against it, and has ignored students the entire time it has existed.

They have wasted students' money - spending \$56,126 on marketing and advertising, while only spending \$2,775 on health and wellbeing.

When La Trobe cut courses and forced staff into redundancy, the LTSA refused to oppose it, and actually supported the change. If given the choice between the uni executive and students, the LTSA board will always side with the university.

La Trobe should have events organised by students, active clubs and societies, and a strong student union that will always represent students' interests. The only way we can achieve this is if we Shut Down The LTSA.

If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out.

Jedd Dryden

As a club President and on-campus resident, I would love the opportunity to represent students on the Bundoora LTSA Council and make a difference.

If elected I will advocate for better online student services, such as improvements to the LMS and easier access to support while students are stuck studying at home. Alongside these improvements, I will also bring forward and advocate for issues currently occurring on-residence here at LTU to the council, being an RA provides a unique insight into the issues that Glenn and Chisholm students face on a day-to-day basis, most of which I experience myself.

In addition to these focuses, I would also love to keep an open-door policy for all students. Connecting with people and getting insights into what others are concerned about is key to having a greater scope on student issues at La Trobe. Every student should feel represented on the BSC with everyone's issues being heard. Student representation is a serious endeavour that really can help us through difficult times, and with COVID-19 destroying the quality of education at La Trobe it is crucial that we stand up, have a voice, and fight for our education.