

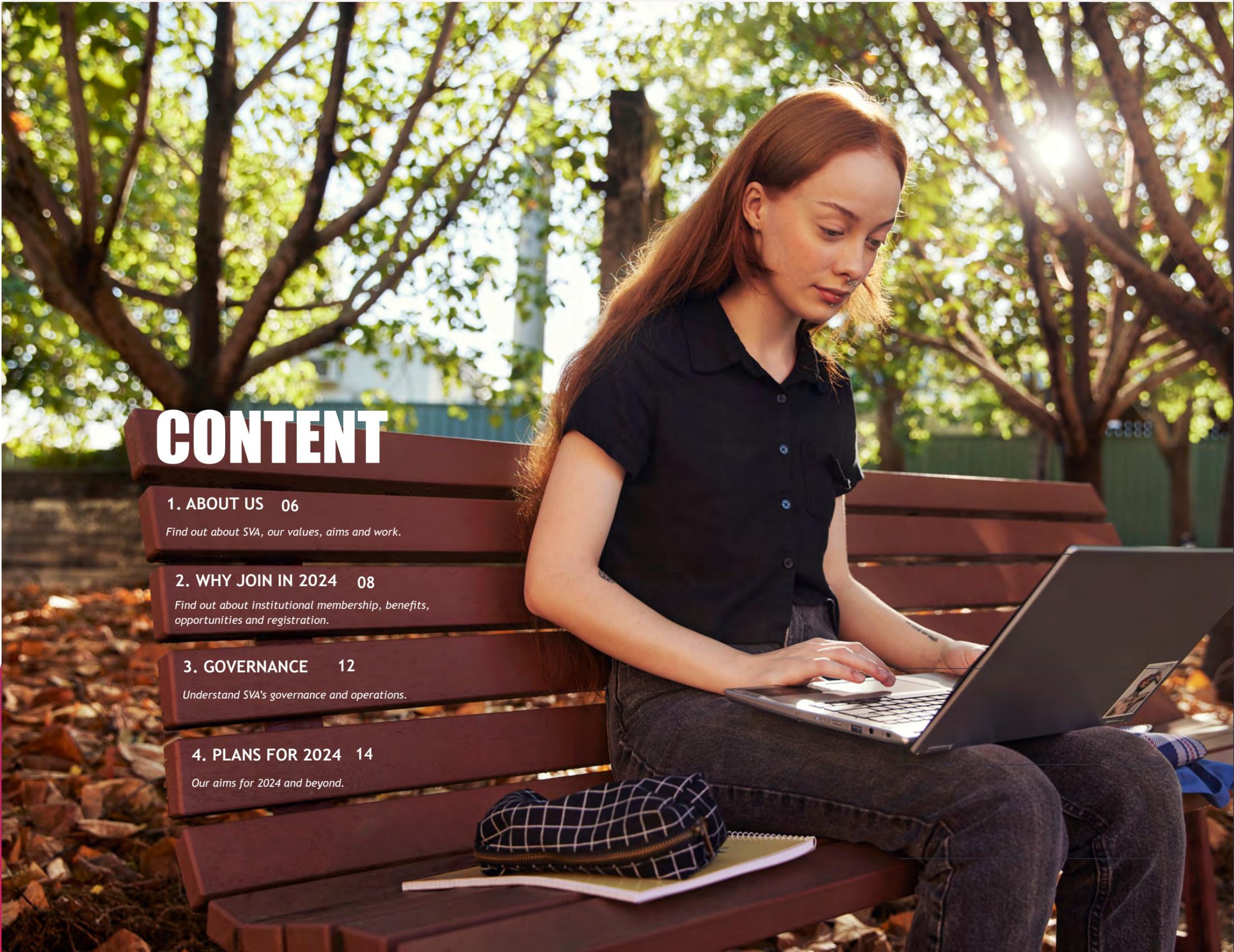


**STUDENT VOICE**  
**AUSTRALASIA**  
Member Prospectus 2024

**Student Voice**  

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# WELCOME

Student Voice Australasia (SVA) is an international network of students and staff from tertiary institutions partnering to foster and embed a culture of authentic, meaningful and inclusive student engagement in institutional decision-making across governance, learning, teaching and student experience.

2024 is an exciting time to join the network and continue your commitment to enhancing student experience, diversity, career-readiness and equity. This prospectus steps you through the work of the network and the possibilities for the future.

# ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRIES

Throughout Australia, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples continue to hold land, seas and sky as culturally and personally significant.

We acknowledge that the western institutions of education and governance have come at a profound cost to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across Australia.

We pay respect to Elders, old people, and knowledge holders throughout Australia's Countries. As a learning and teaching network, the ongoing work of Traditional Custodians to educate, share and empower future generations is of great aspiration to us. In all our work we aim to work in reconciliation and with respect to First Nations people.

Australia always was and always will be Aboriginal land.

We also acknowledge ngā iwi ō Māori as the tangata whenua of Aotearoa / New Zealand and their rich contribution to society.

SVA pays respect to Elders past and present, and future leaders.

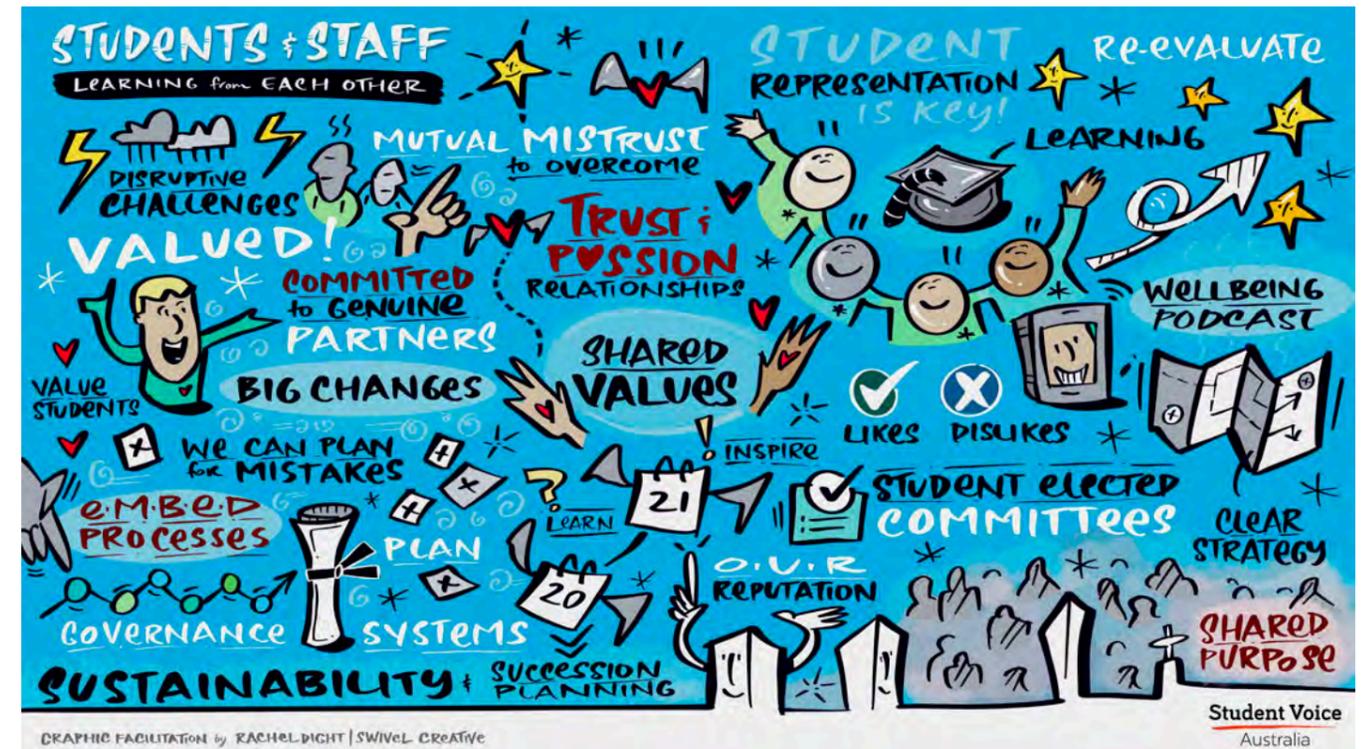


# ABOUT THE NETWORK

Student Voice Australasia (SVA) is an international network of students and staff from tertiary institutions partnering to foster and embed a culture of authentic, meaningful and inclusive student engagement in institutional decision-making across governance, learning, teaching and student experience.

We collaborate, learn from each other, and share best practice to:

- influence a culture of active student participation;
- build the capacity of all students to meaningfully engage in ways that work for them; and,
- build staff capacity to engage and enable student participation, including from diverse voices.



## WHAT WE DO

*We are an organisation that is resourced and active throughout the year. We provide a range of services, as well as foster a democratic centre for our members to build the network and its deliverables collectively and collaboratively, harnessing the expertise present throughout the network.*

- SVA fosters **cross-institutional collaboration** across the Australian tertiary education sector
- SVA provides **resources to upskill**, build knowledge and embed practices of enabling and enhancing student voice, including case studies, workshops, good practice guides and toolkits, for both staff and students. In 2024, the network is showing further commitment to focusing member-driven initiatives such as working groups which create opportunities for collaboration and exchange of resources across the sector.
- SVA presents **signature events**, such as the international Student Voice Symposium and national Student Summit.
- SVA facilitates **practitioner network sessions** for staff and students (including our Students with Disability Leadership Collective, Student Network and Vocational Education and Training Network) which provide opportunities for professional development.
- SVA provides **expertise and outreach services** to support members with approaches to embedding practices of authentic student engagement through partnership in institutional decision-making across student experience.
- SVA engages with **partner organisations**. SVA has links with the National Union of Students (NUS), Council of Australian Postgraduate Associations (CAPA), Union of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Students (UATSIS), National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Postgraduate Association (NATSIPA), Council of International Students (CISA), as well as international connections with the Irish National Student Engagement Program (NStEP) and Student Partnerships in Quality Scotland (sparqs), and the NZ Ministry of Education.

TAKE ACTION

# JOIN IN 2024



Joining SVA demonstrates your institution's commitment to student voice and active student participation. Institutional membership enables *all* of your staff and students to access and engage with SVA activities, events and resources throughout the year.

As a member, your entire institution will have:

- **Access to various network sessions** which occur across the year and provide structured and semi-structured sessions with opportunities for professional development, informal dialogue across the sector, the sharing of knowledge and case studies, and hearing from guest speakers.
- **Student leadership and professional and career development** opportunities.
- **Access to the full suite of SVA resources** and materials and access to our member portal. All resources are licenced under Creative Commons enabling for adaptation to local institutional contexts and come with facilitation guides and accessible support.
- **Complimentary and discount registration fees** at the National Symposium, which we aim to deliver in person in 2024.

## ACCESS TO SECTOR LEADING WORKSHOPS AND NETWORKS

- **Access to expert advice** and consultations, as well as tailored and bespoke workshops and sessions designed and delivered for your local context and needs.
- **Opportunities for cross-institutional collaboration** with colleagues across Australia.
- **Opportunities to connect with and learn from international leaders** through our growing partnerships abroad.
- Member institutions are also afforded **influence over the network's operations**. Each member institution nominates a staff and student partner to participate in the SVA Operational Group to act as champions of SVA at their institution and work closely within the network to decide on and drive annual project plans.



## Eligibility

All Australian tertiary institutions are eligible to register for institutional membership.

In 2024, we are also proud to be strengthening our partnerships with colleagues across South East Asia, including our friends in Aotearoa New Zealand to continue to expand and share our knowledge and expertise in enhancing student voice.

## Fees

\$5,000 per new institution

\$4,500 for 2023 members renewing for 2024

## How to register/renew

For more information, contact SVA Coordinator Ana Kuleshova via [sva@usq.edu.au](mailto:sva@usq.edu.au)

**In 2023, SVA was joined by 28 Australian tertiary institutions.**

*Members drive SVA's resource development and joining gives you access to professional collaboration, opportunities for staff and student networking and development, and enables you to contribute your resources, workshops and champions to furthering student voice at a national and international level.*

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**STEERING***High-level strategy*

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**OPERATION***Network champions*

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**PROJECT***Coxswain*

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**HOST***The home*

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**YOUR VOICE, OUR JOURNEY**

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# GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

SVA is a network of members committed to embedding practices which support and enable student voice in decision making in learning and teaching, governance and services. We are a collegial, collaborative and democratic network comprising of a Steering Group, Operational Group, and a project manager.

**SVA Steering Group**

The Steering Group, consisting of senior institutional leaders and their student partners, provides strategic direction and governance oversight. The Steering Group is co-convened by a staff and student member from the host institution and meets throughout the year to monitor institutional and sector-wide issues, SVA's role in the sector, championing student voice at sector level, and fostering relevant strategic connections with stakeholder bodies and groups.

**SVA Operational Group**

The Operational Group is co-convened by nominated staff and student partners and informs and guides the delivery of annual project plans. The Operational Group comprises staff and student champions from each institutional member, acting as the link between SVA's core business and their local context and who drive and enact our work.

**Project Management**

The network employs project management staff to manage the operation, coordination and facilitation of the network, its members, events and resources.

**Host Institution: UniSQ**

The host institution forms the home base for SVA's operations, provides in-kind support and convenes the Steering and Operational groups to ensure the sustainability and success of the network and its work.

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# STUDENT VOICE AUSTRALASIA'S PLANS FOR 2024

In 2023, we saw substantial growth in membership, with now 28 member institutions comprising the network; 1 large scale national event Student Voice Symposium was delivered face to face and Online; transition of the Host Institution; creation of new kinds of professional learning networks for students and staff including Vocational Education and Training Network; new format for member engagement through working groups; and continued to provide strategic advice across the tertiary sector.

LET'S CHANGE INSTITUTIONAL GOVERNANCE, TEACHING AND LEARNING TOGETHER

## OUR VISION FOR 2024

We will continue to foster a collaborative community of practitioners that support, promote and enable others to embed student voice and partnership practices and will engage widely to empower student voice in tertiary education.

We will continue to develop new, shareable and flexible resources which meet the needs of network members and match content to known barriers in student voice and participation in higher education, including providing targeted activities on including diverse voices in institutional decision-making.

We will maintain our celebrated online network sessions for professional development throughout the year including Practitioner Network, Student Network, Students with Disability Leadership Collective and well as grow our new Vocational Education and Training Network.

We will deliver our signature events, including the national Student Voice Symposium which invites leading researchers and expert practitioners to examine and support student voice in higher education. In 2024, we aim to hold the Symposium in person.

We will continue to provide expertise and outreach services to support members with approaches to embedding practices of authentic student engagement through partnership in institutional decision-making across student experience.

Beyond our expertise and core business in the Australian tertiary sector, we will continue to build relationships and collaborate with partners across Australasia, including our counterparts in Aotearoa New Zealand.

After three years being hosted at the University of Adelaide, SVA is looking forward to fresh feel our new institutional host University of Southern Queensland will bring into 2024. We are excited to continue the rapid growth and bring value more value to SVA members by introducing new initiatives, setting up an online collaborative platform and continue experimenting with new session formats.

We will be looking at establishing stronger partnerships with key organisations, such as Australian and Aotearoan student associations, TEQSA, ASQA and TAFE Directors Australia, and further cementing SVA's role in the sector.

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