

## Candidate Statement: Nicholas Fasso-Opie

Hello, my name is Nicholas Fasso-Opie and I'm running to be your undergraduate representative on the Academic Board.

We all know that university is challenging in the best of times. When the bustle of campus is replaced by the racket of housemates, siblings and parents chewing up the bandwidth and Zooming all at once, staying on top of everything can feel like an insurmountable obstacle.

As your academic representative, I will carry your voices into meetings as an active and engaged liaison that promotes your educational experience long into the future.

As your representative, I will strive to defend the Academic Safety Net and ensure it remains in place for as long as this pandemic drags. As we emerge from lockdown, we should not accept cuts to subject availability, in-person lectures and contact hours into the future. I will fight for more permanent tutors and teaching staff to reverse deterioration in subject choice and ensure that we receive more feedback on assignments.

Growing up in Rural Victoria, I experienced first-hand the adverse effects of teaching cuts and distance learning. I empathise with the hardships faced by international students who are locked out and learning from different time zones and I want to ensure that all students are meaningfully represented.

The Academic Board plays an important role in upholding the quality of education we receive at Monash. I would be proud to further your needs in 2022.

Vote [1] Nicholas Fasso-Opie for an empathetic and tireless representative on your Academic Board.