

Information on voting in the University Council election

The poll for the upcoming elections is being conducted through a secure voting link that will be sent to the Monash email accounts of all those eligible to vote, with voting taking place from 9.00am (AEST) on Tuesday 10 September until 5pm (AEST) Tuesday 17 September.

Voting in these elections is not compulsory, however, all eligible voters are encouraged to participate. The online voting system used is highly secure, anonymous and reliable. As an eligible voter you will receive an individualised email containing a personalised link allowing you to vote for your preferred candidate/s in the ballot you are eligible for.

The optional preferential method is the method of voting being used and it allows voters to rank as many or as few candidates as they want to support. You may choose to mark a preference for one candidate, three or four candidates, all candidates or any number of candidates in between. This means that you do not need to number every box - your vote will be valid provided at least one candidate is selected. If you have a single preference you can just click on the box next to your preferred candidate without numbering any other box. Or you may choose to select only three or four of the total number of candidates. You may also submit comments and feedback, anonymously, or with your contact details included so that a response may be provided (your vote remains anonymous). When you have submitted your vote you may choose to receive a receipt with details of your vote. This is highly confidential and should not be shared with others.

After the poll has opened, if you have not voted you will receive reminders throughout the election period. If, for any reason, your email with your personalised link is not delivered to your inbox, or you inadvertently delete it, you may contact the Returning Officer to request your voting link be sent again.

To determine the winning candidate, the system will allocate preferences in accordance with the preferences as cast by each voter. Once a candidate receives a majority, that is 50% + 1 of the total valid votes cast then that person is declared elected. If no candidate receives a majority, then the person with the lowest number of votes is eliminated and their preference votes are distributed. Votes are distributed to the next preference as marked, and where there is no further preference marked a vote is deemed to be an exhausted vote and is no longer counted. This process is repeated until one candidate achieves a majority of the valid votes or is the last remaining candidate, upon which they are declared elected.

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