

Hey everyone! I'm Ishka (she/her). As we enter the third year of the pandemic, and the uncertainty and stress that will come with it, we must be well supported in our studies and our transition back to face to face learning.

As a general representative on the Monash Student Council this year, I was part of the team that fought for and won the extension of the Academic Safety Net for all of 2021. We successfully advocated for universal submission times, making due dates reliable and consistent. When special consideration became sluggish, we successfully advocated for students to be able to apply for up to 5-day extensions, as well as for students supported by DSS to receive extensions on written assignments of up to 10 days without requiring additional evidence.

As the incoming MSA President, I will work with all student groups to make sure compassionate academic policy remains a priority next year.

This includes additional support for students with placement and prac heavy degrees, protecting the Academic Safety Net where needed, reasonable time limits on how old pre-recorded content for units can be, and adequate staff to student-ratios and consultation hours. To promote accessibility, I will push for compulsory captions and transcripts for all lectures, maintaining lecture recordings for all units, and a mid-semester unit feedback process to implement change faster.

With your support, we can get this done and more in 2022.

For a passionate and hardworking representative, vote [1] Ishka for Academic Board.