

## **Candidate Statement – Kathleen Turnbull**

Hi, I'm Kathleen (Katie) and I'm studying the Master of Education in Digital Learning. I would love to be your representative on the Academic Board.

I am dedicated to inclusion and accessibility, with lived experience of neurodiversity and disability, and working knowledge of Web Content Accessibility Guidelines. Given the current learning environment, I will advocate for accessibility training to ensure all students can access the best education. I'm looking forward to being part of the expanding Ally Network and advocating for all, especially those facing marginalisation.

2020 has been challenging for all of us. We have adjusted to extraordinary circumstances, witnessed cuts to subjects and staff, and relied more than ever on the expertise of our faculty and support services. During these difficult times, our student board members have done incredible work shaping our university experience, including developing and implementing the Academic Safety Net. I intend to continue working to support our vulnerable community members.

Students of a leading university expect to access skilled, informed, ongoing education support, and to belong to an institution that embodies their values. As a biosciences graduate, I value environmental sustainability, academic excellence, and quality research. In an increasingly time-sensitive climate crisis, I hope to assist Monash University to meet its commitment to sustainable change.

I believe in student-led decision-making, and recognise the importance of amplifying voices and considering multiple perspectives. I will strive to hear, reflect, and address your concerns as Monash students.

Thank you so much for your support.