

Candidate Statement: Afrah Tahsin

Hi! My name is Afrah Tahsin and I'm running to be your undergraduate student member on the Academic Board this year.

Knowing students across many courses offered at Monash, I'm confident that I can propose a range of changes that will benefit all undergraduate students, and not just students in my own course.

I've heard from international students that their classes sometimes start as early as 5am, so I would like to advocate against these unreasonable class times. These students haven't been able to come on campus at all which has been stressful enough for them, and these class times are just adding to this stress.

The transition from high school to university is hard. Some units seem to have unrealistic expectations which can be very overwhelming and demotivating. So, I would also like to advocate for more guidance and support for first year students who are just trying their best to get used to this new environment.

I've seen students become stressed due to minimal or no practice questions for tests/exams. I think it would be beneficial to make these available to students so that they feel less stressed for these forms of assessments. There should also be a way to post anonymously on Moodle discussion forums, to make students feel more comfortable with asking questions about course content.

Vote [1] Afrah Tahsin, for a compassionate student member on the Academic Board that will listen to you and advocate for the changes that we all want.