Information about voting

The poll for the upcoming elections is being conducted by an external provider by electronic means on behalf of Monash University.

Voting in university elections is not compulsory, however, all eligible voters are encouraged to participate in relevant polls.

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 within your electorate.

The optional preferential method is the method of voting used as 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 under the optional preferential voting system. 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.

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. If you have not submitted your vote, 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 a replacement email.

To determine the winning vote, the system will allocate preferences in accordance with each voter's cast vote. Therefore, if a candidate receives 50% + one of the cast and valid votes then that person is declared the winner. If no candidate receives 50% + 1 then the person with the lowest number of votes is eliminated and their preference votes are distributed. A vote for one candidate with no preferences is deemed to be an exhausted vote. This process goes on until one candidate has 50% + 1 of the valid votes.