

# Student Representative Council (SRC)

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** 29 September 2025

**Location:** Student Lounge, JMC Academy Sydney

**Guests Present:** 0

## Attendance

| Name                      | Role / Office                            | Present | Apologies |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|
| Freddie Thornton-Bott     | Co-Chair                                 | X       |           |
| Layla Phillips            | Co-Chair                                 | X       |           |
| Dariya Zemlyanaya         | Secretary                                | X       |           |
| Vippa Ankush Reddy        | Peer Support Officer                     | X       |           |
| Miriam Acharya            | Head of Comms & Social Media             | X       |           |
| Giovan Regaliza           | Comms & Social Media Officer             | X       |           |
| Saphron McCartney-Lyneham | Comms & Social Media Officer             |         | X         |
| Valencya Lid              | Comms & Social Media Officer             | X       |           |
| John Schmetzer            | Head of DEI                              | X       |           |
| Sharon Surenthira         | DEI Officer                              | X       |           |
| Bede Curran               | Head of Wellness & Wellbeing             | X       |           |
| Tanushree Patil           | Wellness & Wellbeing Officer             | X       |           |
| Daniel Wearden            | Head of Events & Culture                 | X       |           |
| Cameron Donahue-Laws      | Events & Culture Officer                 | X       |           |
| Kasey Paterson            | Events & Culture Officer                 | X       |           |
| Morena Pereira            | Events & Culture Officer                 | X       |           |
| Jasmine Heit              | Events & Culture Officer                 | X       |           |
| Sasa Ljubovic             | Community Engagement Coordinator (Staff) | X       |           |
| Connor Kahui-Chee         | Student Services Officer (Staff)         | X       |           |

*We acknowledge the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation, the Traditional Custodians of the land on which JMC Academy Ultimo stands. We pay our respects to Elders past and present, and extend that respect to all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. We recognise their continuing connection to land, waters, and culture, and acknowledge that sovereignty was never ceded.*

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## Agenda Items & Department Reports

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### Executive Office

- **Wellness Week Planning**
  - Reminder that Wellness Week takes place next week. Monday is a public holiday. Departments to prepare activities and coordinate participation across the week.
- **Previous Action Updates**
  - Fridges arrived and are now operational.
  - Instagram post announcing availability scheduled for next morning.
  - **Action:** Regular monthly check-ins to ensure continued maintenance.
- **Meeting Minutes and Coordination**
  - Ongoing updates to meeting templates and records.
  - Sasa coordinating departmental contributions to Wellness Week schedule.
  - **Action:** Ensure departments communicate final plans and resource needs by Friday.

### Communications & Social Media

- **Wellness Week Support**
  - Reels/TikToks planned on “How to Find Support on Campus.”
  - Coverage of daily Wellness Week activities.
  - Cross-posting on Instagram stories to maintain engagement.
- **Poster Design**
  - Tanushree to finalise Wellness Week posters and coordinate with Comms team for printing.

### Events & Culture

- **Wellness Week Schedule Overview**
  - Tuesday: On-campus massage therapist (bookings via QR).
  - Wednesday: Free breakfast session hosted by Sasa.
  - Thursday: Craft and affirmations wall session with Jamie Coppin.
  - Friday: World Mental Health Day activity - TBD.
  - Encouraged SRC presence at all events, particularly Friday's.
- Future Events

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- Departments encouraged to gather student feedback on “What do you want to see?” for upcoming activities.

### Student Wellness & Wellbeing

- **Affirmation & Reflection Activities**

- Discussed:
  - Affirmation Wall on glass.
  - Pandora's Box for negative thoughts and Positive Jar for uplifting notes.
  - Mirror Affirmations in bathrooms.
  - Communal Canvas art project to promote wellbeing.
  - **Action:** Bede and Tanushree to oversee preparation of materials.

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

- **Campus Pathways & Representation**

- Proposal to highlight accessible pathways to counsellor's office - visual aids such as ribbons leading from Ground Floor to Level 2.
- Ensure inclusion in posters and general communication.

### Peer Support

- **Support Information & Sessions**

- Peer Support planning a short resource-sharing session for students.
- Encourage collaboration with DEI and Wellness teams.

### Facilities & Housekeeping

- **Facilities & Housekeeping**

- Repairs & Improvements
- Student Lounge tables currently under repair.
- Ground floor traffic highest - plan to install visual “ribbon” leading to counselling office.
- **Action:** Report any issues related to bathroom facilities.

### General Business

- **Canvas Artwork**

- Proposal to auction or repurpose large affirmation canvas for charity. TBD further.

- **Therapy Dogs**

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- Confirmed return for Week 5.
- **Season Launch**
  - Reminder to attend Friday, 17 October. Encourage SRC presence and support.
- **Department Planning**
  - Start preparing for next meeting's reports.

## Decisions & Action Items

| Topic                    | Decision/Action                                  | Responsible               |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Wellness Week Activities | Confirm all department event logistics by Friday | All Departments           |
| Affirmation Projects     | Prepare jars, posters, and wall displays         | Wellness Team             |
| Social Media             | Launch "How to Find Support on Campus" campaign  | Comms & Social Media      |
| Facilities Check         | Inspect bathrooms, report any issues             | Facilities & Housekeeping |
| Student Feedback         | Collect suggestions for future events            | All Departments           |

## 5 Mins with CEO

- N/A

## Next Meeting

Date: 8 October 2025

Location: [TBD] JMC Academy Sydney

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