

USU President Welcome Fest Statement

It is my pleasure to welcome students and staff back to campus, and back to the USU for the biggest Welcome Fest celebration your Union has ever created! We are so excited to kick off the year with 190 clubs and 50 sponsors for you to explore and engage with; this is your chance to be part of an inspiring and welcoming community.

It is more important than ever that we ensure that Welcome Fest is a robust yet safe place for students of all walks of life. The USU is committed to a culture of respect and having due regard for the autonomy of those around us. Please make sure that as you participate in this weeks festivities, you uphold the values of the Student Charter, and respect the rights of your fellow USU member to express their views freely and openly. Furthermore, if you experience or witness behaviour that harasses or violates the integrity of another Union member or staff member,

including discrimination, violence, or prejudice, please make use of our support services here or email us at **d.programs@usu.edu.au**.



All that's left for you now is to enjoy Welcome Fest 2025. At the USU, we believe that university is so much more than lectures and assignments – it's about the connections you make for life, the experiences you remember for life, and the insights you gain for life. The USU is the beating heart of that 'university life', and Welcome Fest is your invitation. I encourage everyone to take full advantage of everything on offer this week and this semester, and I can't wait to meet as many of you as possible.

Bryson Constable USU President

