

ANNUAL REPORT 2024

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MONSU CAULFIELD IS THE UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT ASSOCIATION AT THE MONASH UNIVERSITY CAULFIELD CAMPUS, THAT EXISTS TO SUPPORT STUDENTS TO ENSURE THEY HAVE THE BEST POSSIBLE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE. MONSU CAULFIELD STRIVES TO BE A LEADER IN STUDENT REPRESENTATION, ENSURING STUDENT INTERESTS, WELFARE AND ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED BY THE UNIVERSITY, GOVERNMENT AND THE BROADER COMMUNITY.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

MONSU Caulfield acknowledges and pays respect to elders past, present and emerging of the Boon Wurrung and Wurundjeri Peoples of the Kulin Nation, the Traditional Owners of the land on which MONSU Caulfield operates.



OUR VISION, MISSION AND VALUES

VISION

MONSU is a leader in providing outstanding student experiences.

MISSION STATEMENT

MONSU is dedicated to creating a diverse and welcoming community. We assist students in navigating university life and to succeed as global citizens by providing representation; bespoke opportunities, services and programs.

VALUES



Because we are passionate about making a positive difference to your wellbeing and your future. Care is at the heart of everything we do.



Through providing opportunities that promote personal development as well as lifelong learning.



To create a culture of belonging and respect—where everyone is welcome.



Because your voice matters. It is important to us that we hear you so we can innovate and bring change to our community.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Angelia Liao

MONSU Caulfield

President 2025

What a year 2024 was! It was a year of growth for MONSU Caulfield, with strong engagement from our student members across our events, programs, newly introduced initiatives designed to support our student community.

We know that many students faced challenges this year, especially with the rising cost of living impacting food security, academic pressures, and mental health. In response, MONSU Caulfield took steps to address these pressures. We expanded our food offerings to make food more accessible, and in partnership with Foodbank Victoria, we launched a pilot program providing students with weekly access to fresh produce, pantry staples and household goods. The program supported over 1,300 students with free groceries, and thanks to its success, it will continue in 2025. Thanks to additional funding from the DVC Student Experience, we also partnered with on-campus retailer Tiger Mum to provide free soup for students — an initiative that was not only well received, but also delicious!

We proudly hosted Cultural Night for the first time this year, closing off our Semester 2 O-Fest with a night of cultural celebrations. The campus came alive with music from a mariachi band and cheers of students enjoying the festivities. A huge thank you to all of our Clubs + Societies for their support — not just on the night, but throughout the year — bringing our campus life with activities, connections, and opportunities.

Many of our new initiatives were made possible thanks to the incredible support of our volunteers, MONSU Crew. To recognise their efforts, we launched MONSU.CREW Rewards, a program where volunteers earn points for every hour they contribute. It's one of our many ways of saying thank you for their contribution!

Building a stronger sense of community on campus was also a priority. We were proud to take part of Monash University's Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Week, collaborating with Basketball Victoria to deliver a Wheelchair Basketball Clinic to the Caulfield campus. This event offered students the opportunity to experience Wheelchair Basketball and gain a small insight into the challenges that people who use wheelchairs face. Our Queer department also collaborated with MGA Queer to host Caffenated & Queer, a regular coffee catch-up series for the queer Caulfield community.

I would also like to acknowledge the ongoing efforts of our Student Rights + Support service, which works tirelessly to advocate for and empower students in achieving the best outcomes for their education.

Our student representatives remained focused on creating the best possible campus experience. A key initiative in 2024 was collaborating with the University to begin steps towards a vape-free campus. This work will continue into 2025, in hopes to benefit the health and wellbeing of our students.

Finally, the 2024 Student Council worked with staff to develop the new MONSU Caulfield Strategic Plan (2025–2029). We're excited to look ahead and see what we can accomplish as we continue to grow and support the student experience.

I am very proud of everything we've achieved together this year. A big thank you to our student representatives, MONSU Crew volunteers, and staff — your hard work is what makes it all possible! Can't wait to see what we achieve in 2025.



GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Rebecca Murphy
MONSU Caulfield
General Manager

The year 2024 proved to be a successful one for MONSU Caulfield and its members as we adapted to challenges and changes, including the implementation of new legislation stemming from the University Accords, the reorganisation of student experience functions within the University and a new General Manager. We extend our gratitude to our members for their unwavering support and active engagement throughout the year.

The mission of MONSU Caulfield is to enhance and support an exceptional university experience for all Monash Caulfield undergraduate students, and we actively seek to deliver for our members as we develop networks and resources to support that mission. 2024 was a year of growth where we actively sought to build on our successes from previous years. We initiated new programs and events designed to foster community engagement and enhance student life. Our focus was on expanding our support services, ensuring that every student had access to the resources they needed to thrive academically and personally. As we look to the future, we remain committed to adapting and evolving our offerings to meet the changing needs of our diverse student body.

We have continued to deliver support services, events, initiatives, representation and student-run spaces to meet member needs and deliver a student-centred experience overall. The O-Fest events at the start of each semester, in addition to our weekly events and bespoke experiences targeted towards the diverse range of interest groups within our membership have been highly successful and valued. Our thanks go out to the MONSU Crew, without whom we would not be able to deliver the range of experiences on offer to our members.

According to the 2024 financial statements and auditor report, the financial foundations of MONSU Caulfield remain stable, enabling us to expand our support services amidst the cost of living crisis and its effect on our members and the wider Monash Caulfield student community.

As we look forward to 2025, we are pleased to report a strong beginning to the year, as we strengthen our collaborations with stakeholders and partners at Monash University. The year 2025 marks the launch of our strategic plan for 2025–2029, which aims to create a roadmap for sustainable growth that will benefit our members, Clubs and Societies, Crew, and Student Council.

All that's left now is to express my gratitude.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated and enthusiastic members of the Student Council. The Student Council gives their time and expertise, playing a crucial role in ensuring effective governance, representation of the Monash Caulfield undergraduate student community, and enhancing our capacity to offer support and services.

Thank you to the dedicated staff team who play a crucial role in the continued success of MONSU Caulfield. The team welcomed me into the organisation and have embraced the challenges and opportunities for change that arose during the latter half of 2024. Your commitment to securing the long-term success of MONSU Caulfield is truly inspiring. Thank you.

Finally, to our members. Thank you for your continued support. Remember, we are here for you. If we can do anything to support you, please get in touch.



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2024 IN REVIEW



EVENTS

At the heart of our student experience are events, we are proudly known for our events both on and off campus. Through our events, we create a community on campus, and provide students the opportunity to make friends.



O-FEST — SEMESTER 1 & 2

MONSU Caulfield ran a successful O-Fests in both semesters to welcome first years, alongside welcoming back returning students to the Caulfield campus. The multi-day festivals provided MONSU Caulfield, MONSU Clubs + Societies and Monash stakeholders the opportunity to interact with students and get them involved in the Caulfield campus community. Each day students were able to enjoy free food, free drinks, live music and a range of interactions (live canvas painting, silent disco, human-sized bubbles).

Over the course Semester 1 O-Fest of the event, 1500 servings of food were handed out to students, over 500 club sign-ups, and over 3000 students engaged with the event in total. Both weeks were great ways to start the semester off, and engage students with everything university life has to offer.

DEPARTMENT EVENTS

PRIDE WEEK — MONSU.QUEER

A celebration and acknowledgement of the LGBTIQ+ community, run by MONSU Queer. A week packed full of goodness, from fun events to educational workshops, and our usual weekly free food sessions. It was great to see students engaging with our evening events such as Sip & Paint and Drag Bingo. Special thanks to Equity, Diversity and Inclusion for supporting the week and the celebration of IDAHOBIT.

STRESS LESS WEEK — MONSU.WELFARE

This year our Welfare department ran two successful weeks across both semesters, which recharged and helped students unwind between final assignments. Highlights included friendly Therapy Dogs Hugo and Mo, skin scans with Kiehl's, gelato carts and potting plant pals to take home!

CULTURAL NIGHT — MONSU.OSS+POC

Cultural Night was an evening filled with captivating performances, interactive cultural activities, and mouth-watering dishes from around the globe. It was the perfect way to wrap up O-Fest for Semester 2! The Caulfield campus was lit up with a festival of cultures, highlighting our Clubs and societies and student performers. This first-time event sold out registrations to 300 students, and it was great to see students on campus in the evening.

SAFE N' SEXY WEEK — MONSU.OSS+POC

A week dedicated to sex education and body positivity, featuring a range of fun and educational events that dive deep into all things sex. This year, we brought together student artists for an exhibition titled Sex & Sexuality, inviting creative responses to the theme. Students also got the chance to get messy at our Sculpt & Sip session and chat with sexologists to explore all their curiosities.

MONSU CAULFIELD AWARD'S NIGHT

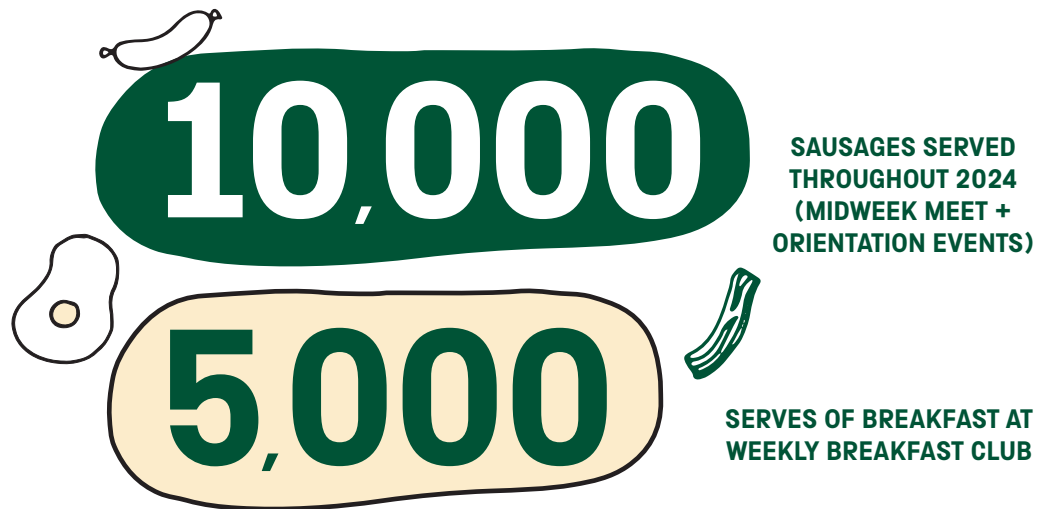
MONSU Caulfield was proud to bring back our annual awards night to recognise and celebrate the hard work of our community throughout the year. Awards were presented to our clubs and societies, volunteers, and student representatives.

The cocktail-style event garnered positive feedback from students, who expressed their appreciation for MONSU Caulfield's continued support throughout the year. This was the first time the event has taken place since the pandemic, and we look forward to continuing this tradition next year.

FREE FOOD

FOOD INSECURITY

With the rising cost of living, many students were impacted financially this year. MONSU Caulfield worked to increase support for students, during this difficult time. In doing so, introduced two new initiatives to provide more free nutritious food to students.



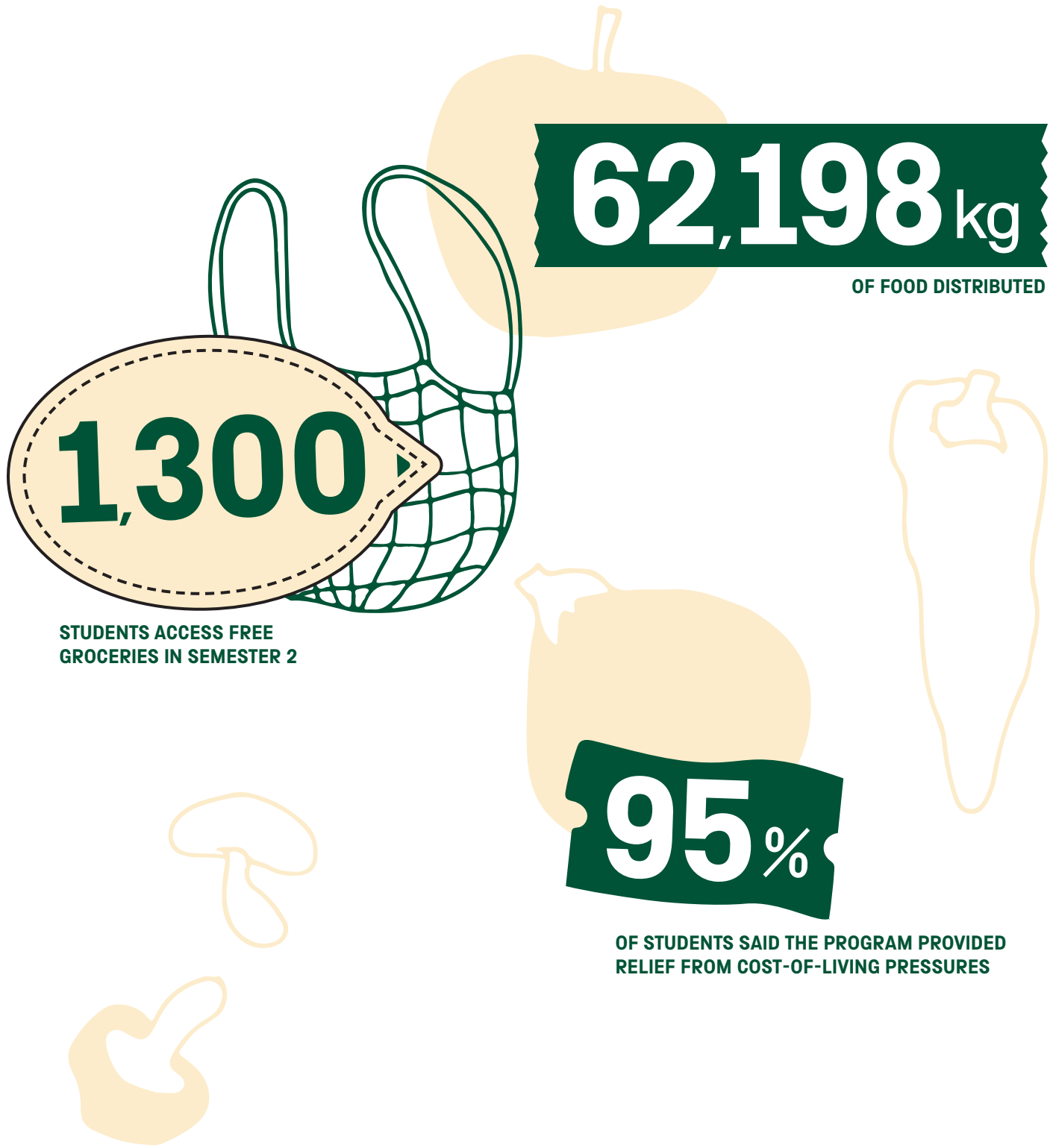
GOOD SOUP

In collaboration with Tiger Mum, an on-campus retailer, to provide nutritious and freshly made soup to students from Week 10 to SWOTVAC. MONSU Caulfield is appreciative of the efforts of Tiger Mum, and for their generous support throughout the program, we could not have done it without them.



**WEEKLY MARKET STALL
MONSU.PANTRY**

In Semester 2 of 2024, MONSU Caulfield launched a pilot program offering free groceries to students, expanding on the existing MONSU.PANTRY initiative. This program allowed students to collect free groceries weekly, which consisted of fresh produce, pantry staples and household items. We are thankful to partner with Foodbank Victoria for this program and their continuous donation of food.



MONSU MEMBERSHIP

7,789

MONSU CAULFIELD MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UPS

2,500



SHOWBAGS HANDED OUT DURING THE ORIENTATION PERIOD
— FREE PRODUCTS, EXCLUSIVE DISCOUNTS AND MONSU MERCH
— STUDENTS OFFERED THE CHANCE TO PERSONALISE

PROVIDED MEMBERS WITH WEEKLY NEWSLETTERS TO KEEP THEM UP-TO-DATE
ON CAMPUS LIFE, IMPORTANT NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES.



REPRESENTATION

Everything we do at MONSU Caulfield is by students, for students. Student representatives are elected annually to represent all Caulfield undergraduate students and make up the MONSU Student Council. On behalf of MONSU Caulfield members, student representatives voice the concerns of students to the university. This ensures the best university experience for students.

18 POSITIONS ON THE STUDENT COUNCIL 26 MEETINGS ACROSS 2024

STUDENT COUNCIL (AS OF 31 OCTOBER 2024)

PEOPLE OF COLOUR OFFICER	Eunseo Lee
VICE PRESIDENT	Qaisara Hussain
EDUCATION OFFICER	Angela Liao
CLUBS OFFICER	Lizzy Lai
ACTIVITIES OFFICER	San Nhi Chung
ACTIVITIES OFFICER	Rachel Dang
WELFARE OFFICER	Theodore Susetio
QUEER OFFICER	Dennis Truong
QUEER OFFICER	Roxy Robson
MARKETING OFFICER	Leo Jiang
PEOPLE OF COLOUR OFFICER	Mehika Agarwal
OVERSEAS STUDENT SERVICES OFFICER	Anubha Tomar
WOMENS OFFICER	Nadine Makayla Herbiantoro
GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE	Jinny Kim
GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE	Yebin Kim
GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE	Nam Anh Tran
FIRST YEAR DOMESTIC STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE	Sayan Sengupta
FIRST YEAR INTERNATIONAL STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE	Karin Sayama

MORE
THAN
FREE
SNAGS



SUPPORT

MONSU Student Rights + Support (SR+S) is a free, independent and confidential service provided by **MONSU Caulfield** for undergraduate students enrolled at **Caulfield and Peninsula** campuses. Throughout the year the service also runs programs such as **Mental Health First Aid Training** for international students in non-english languages, and provision of support for those experiencing financial difficulties.

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**STUDENTS CERTIFIED WITH MENTAL HEALTH
FIRST AID IN MANDARIN OR CANTONESE**

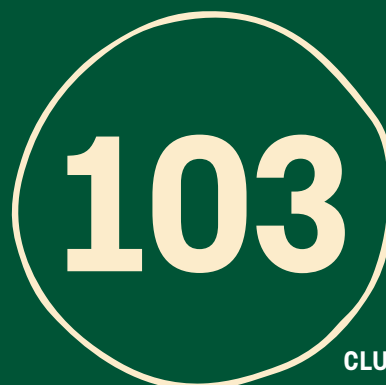
\$8,300
**WORTH OF GROCERY VOUCHERS PROVIDED TO
THOSE EXPERIENCING FINANCIAL HARDSHIP**

CLUBS + SOCIETIES

MONSU Caulfield has over 20 clubs and societies that operate on-campus. Our variety of clubs and societies includes academic, cultural, special interest and spiritual clubs.



MONSU CAULFIELD CLUBS



CLUB EXECUTIVES



CLUB MEMBERSHIP SIGN-UPS

MONSU CAULFIELD'S AWARDS NIGHT / CLUB AWARDS

CLUB OF THE YEAR 2024	Business and Commerce Students Society, BCSS
BEST NEW CLUB 2024	Monash Tea Culture Club, MTCC
CLUB EXECUTIVE OF THE YEAR 2024	Ava Orrico, BCSS
BEST CLUB EVENT 2024	Industry Connections Event, MMSS
BEST ON-CAMPUS ENGAGEMENT 2024	Christian Union, CU

BUSINESS AND COMMERCE STUDENTS SOCIETY (BCSS)



INDONESIAN STUDENTS ASSOCIATION (ISA)



MEDIA AND COMMUNICATION SOCIETY (MACS)

MONSU CREW

MONSU Crew is the volunteering program here at MONSU Caulfield. We provide opportunities for undergraduate students to get actively involved at university, develop their skills and connect with their peers. Crew members assist in the delivery of events and programs run by MONSU Caulfield, from major events like O-Fest to support programs like Tax Help.



LAUNCH OF MONSU.CREW REWARDS

At MONSU Caulfield, we truly value our volunteers. That's why we are proud to launch MONSU.CREW Rewards in 2024, our rewards program for our volunteers, as a token of our appreciation for their time and efforts. Students can now earn points for every volunteer hour, from small weekly initiatives to large-scale events like Orientation. Points will be redeemable for rewards tailored to university students' wants, such as free coffee, grocery vouchers and experiences. Our dedicated volunteers will also receive exclusive MONSU.CREW merchandise to bring the community closer together.

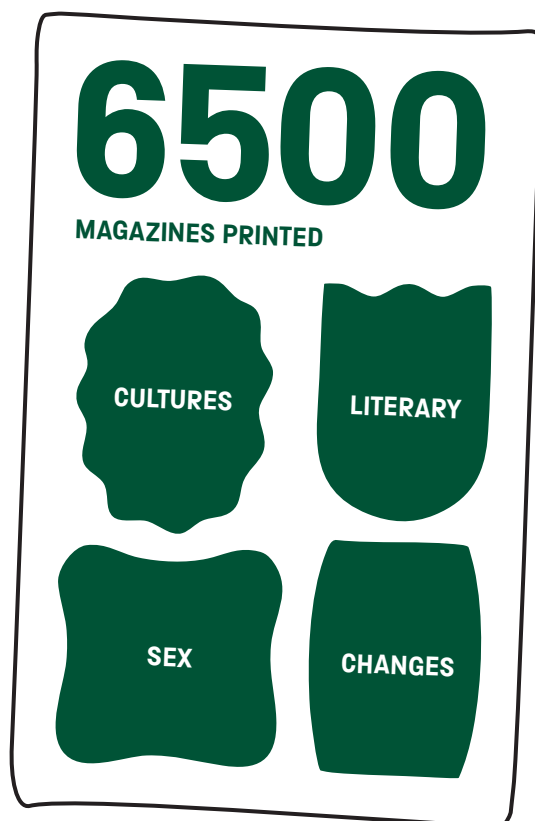
MONSU CAULFIELD'S AWARDS NIGHT / CREW AWARDS

CREW MEMBER OF THE YEAR	Sharlyn Gotama, Jocelyne Thayono and Cherylin Wijaya
WOMEN'S CREW MEMBER OF THE YEAR	Chairunisa Adila Zactin
NEWBIE OF THE YEAR 2024	Hiya Somaiya
CREW MVP AWARD 2024	Tanicee Banerjee



ESPERANTO MAGAZINE

Esperanto is a quarterly free magazine made by students, for students. Proudly published by MONSU Caulfield.



AKIRA KERR
STUDENT EDITOR

SIENA THOMAS
ART DIRECTOR

ANGEL TULLY
STUDENT EDITOR

WORKSHOP

The Workshop is a not-for-profit print and finishing studio provided by the student union at Monash University Caulfield. We exist to serve students, staff and departments of Monash University, but also the public.

This year, we continued to align our services with the needs of students. Our team worked closely with the Monash Art, Design and Architecture (MADA) faculty to support design students throughout their degree, from providing first-year students with guided tours of the Workshop to collaborating with professors on briefs that reflect our services. These efforts are all about setting students up for life beyond university and helping them understand what to expect when working with professional printers.

We wrapped up the year with a highlight: collaborating with the design and architecture faculties on *MADA Now*, the end-of-year graduate exhibition. From printing student work to helping with installation, it's always a full-circle moment to see the same students we've worked with over the years now preparing to graduate.



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