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CONFERENCE 2026
International Students as Partners in Australia's Education

SUNDAY
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ISRC CONFERENCE 2026- DAY 1 SCHEDULE

Seminar Room 203, RD Watt Building (A04), The University of Sydney, Sydney

11:00 - 11:30	**Registration & Welcome** Check-in, pick up your nametags, and enjoy light refreshments
11:30 - 11:45	**Bringing International Student Voice into the National Conversation** Weihong Liang, Education Officer, SUPRA; President, ISRC of Australia
11:45 - 12:00	**Student Research Presentations** Niruban Chakkaravarthy Dhanasekaran, Western Sydney University Siwen Liu, University of Sydney
12:00 - 13:15	**National Student Representatives Workshop** Mapping Priorities and Challenges **Moderator:** Haolong Liao, Treasurer, SUPRA, University of Sydney
13:15 - 13:30	**Assistant Minister Address** The Hon Julian Hill MP, Assistant Minister for Citizenship, Customs and Multicultural Affairs; Assistant Minister for International Education
13:30 - 14:15	**Networking Lunch**
14:15 - 17:25	**Student Action in Practice** Sharing practical cases and lessons from student services, campaigns, community initiatives and research across Australia
	14:15–15:00 Campaigns & Advocacy: From Issues to Change Shamita Sail, Monash University; Vu Ai Vy La, La Trobe University; Ananya Verma, Monash University; Adrian De Luca, We Are Australia Foundation **Moderator:** Yuhao Wei, SUPRA, University of Sydney
	15:00–15:45 Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion Tuhar Nusha Yeasmin, Monash University; Rachel Delmar, University of Sydney; Madoka Fujii, Queensland University of Technology; Azala Shah, University of Technology Sydney **Moderator:** Anumanth Ram, Vice President, ISRC Australia
	15:45–15:55 Afternoon Break
	15:55–16:40 Community & Belonging: Student-Led Initiatives Guoqing (Bruce) Pan, Australian National University; Harika Potnuru, RMIT University; Mohammed (Nas) Anas, Victoria University; Baishakhi Shib, Charles Darwin University **Moderator:** Huriye Koclar, Deputy Women's Officer, SUPRA, University of Sydney
	16:40–17:25 Learning, Research & Career Pathways Nadia Jelani, University of New England; Tanya Maithani, Monash University; Alexa Rose, Griffith University; Prince Adjei, University of Southern Queensland **Moderator:** Anqi Wen, Co-HDR Officer, SUPRA, University of Sydney
17:25 - 17:30	**Day 1 Reflection** Reflections, key insights and takeaways
18:30 - 20:30	**Networking Dinner** Join us at Royal Hotel Darlington

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ISRC CONFERENCE 2026- DAY 2 MORNING SCHEDULE

Refectory, Holme Building, The University of Sydney, Sydney

08:00 - 08:30	**Registration & Welcome** Check-in, pick up your badge, and enjoy light refreshments
08:30 - 08:35	**Opening and Acknowledgement of Country** Weihong Liang, Education Officer, SUPRA; President, ISRC of Australia
08:35 - 08:40	**Conference Opening & Welcome Address** Professor Joanne Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education and Students), University of Sydney
08:40 - 08:45	**Group Photo** Join us for a group photo with delegates and guests
08:45 - 08:55	**SUPRA and SRC Welcome** Yiman Wu, President, SUPRA, University of Sydney Grace Street, President, SRC, University of Sydney
08:55 - 09:00	**Sponsor address – Pearson** Jon Dixon, Business Development Manager, Pearson
09:00 - 10:00	**KEYNOTE 1- Speaking up: Being heard, barriers and belonging** Sarah Bendall, First Assistant Ombudsman, National Student Ombudsman
10:00 - 10:15	**Morning Tea** Morning refreshments and networking
10:15 - 11:15	**KEYNOTE 2- International student voices: Representation, partnership and cultural capital** Professor Kelly Matthews, Pro Vice-Chancellor (Teaching & Learning), University of Wollongong Following the keynote, Professor Matthews will join a panel discussion with: Aashish Neupane, Board Director, WSUSU, Western Sydney University Malakai King, General Secretary, ANUSA, Australian National University
11:15 - 12:15	**PANEL 1- Student Voices: How Policy Change Shapes the International Student Experience** Gilbertofer Tanoto, Vice President, CDU Student Council, Charles Darwin University Cheryl Johanna Meeran, International Students' Senate Convenor, UNSA, University of Newcastle Ojaswi Shrestha, President, International Students' Department, UWA Student Guild, University of Western Australia Aryendu Singh, Co-Chair, La Trobe University Student Council, La Trobe University **Moderator**: Qixiu (Jack) Li, General Executive, SRC, University of Sydney

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ISRC CONFERENCE 2026- DAY 2 AFTERNOON SCHEDULE

Refectory, Holme Building, The University of Sydney, Sydney

12:15 -13:15	**Networking Lunch** Connect and network with fellow attendees
13:15 - 14:15	**PANEL 2- International Student Policy in Australia: Current Directions and Student Priorities** Professor Gaby Ramia, Professor of Policy and Society, University of Sydney Diana Cozadinos, Acting Assistant Secretary, Australian Government Department of Education Danielle Hartridge, Co-Founder & Principal, IEP Advisory; Member, ISRC of Australia Expert Panel **Moderator**: Seungbin Kang, Education Officer, ISRC of Australia
14:15 - 15:15	**PANEL 3- What if the community was the campus?** Gary Lee OAM, Manager, International Education, City of Melbourne Susana Ng, Senior Social Programs Officer, City of Sydney Türkan Aksoy, Welcoming Cities Coordinator (NSW), Welcoming Australia Abuduhailili Xiamuxinuer, International Student, University of Technology Sydney **Moderator:** Trisnasari Fraser, Welcoming Universities Coordinator, Welcoming Australia
15:15 - 15:30	**Afternoon Tea**
15:30 - 16:30	**Closing Plenary: From Voice to Action: What Needs to Change for International Students?** Ada Choi, President, PGC, University of New South Wales Yiman Wu, President, SUPRA, University of Sydney Anumanth Ram, Vice President, ISRC Australia Fitri Ani, Board Member, GSA, University of Melbourne Jixuan Xia, Board Member, AUSA, Adelaide University Ziyi Zhou, International Student Officer, UQU, University of Queensland Daehyeok Lee, International Student Ambassador, Study Tasmania **Moderator:** Weihong Liang, Education Officer, SUPRA; President, ISRC of Australia

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