

Code of Conduct

The Student Representation Council (SRC) believes that it is a privilege to represent students of Western Sydney University, and as such student representatives must hold themselves to a high level of professional conduct at all times. The SRC details as following conduct which student representatives must adhere to at all times. Failure by any member to comply with the following may be grounds for the SRC to take disciplinary action against such a member, in line with the Student Representation & Participation Guidelines.

ALL STUDENTS:

1. Must treat other members with courtesy and respect. They must show the same consideration to University employees or guests
2. Act in accordance with the [Student Misconduct Policy](https://westernsydney.edu.au/policy) – westernsydney.edu.au/policy
3. Act in the interests of students and in doing so uphold the aims of the council and act in accordance with the Student Representation and Participation Rules and Regulations and Guidelines for Acceptable Use of Office Resources
4. Contribute to and share responsibility for collective decisions, and represent the council's policies on appropriate public occasions; respect the views of others and listen to what they have to say; and adhere to the collective decisions of the meetings. Any council member unwilling to so do should resign
5. Prepare for and be organised to attend all meetings of committees of which they are a member. Members who miss more than three meetings of council will be deemed to have resigned unless they have provided good reason to the satisfaction of the Chair
6. Be accessible to the people whom they have been elected to serve and to represent their interests conscientiously. In representing people's interests, council members have a duty to respect individual privacy, unless there are overwhelming reasons in the wider public interest for disclosure to be made to a relevant authority
7. Ensure that confidential information acquired as a result of their position is not disclosed to anyone other than those who have a right to that information. Ensure that confidential information is not used for the personal advantage of either he or she or of others known to them
8. Take decisions solely in terms of the interest of students. They must not act in order to gain financial or other material benefit for themselves, their family or friends. Where a financial or material conflict of interest arises during a decision or discussion this should be disclosed and the council member should refrain from participating further on the matter
9. Council members have a duty not to place themselves under any financial or other obligation to any individual or organisation that might reasonably be thought to influence them in the performance of their duties
10. Act honestly and declare any private interests relating to their duties and take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the interest of the council 10. Be accountable and open about their decisions and actions to students. To consider issues on their merits, taking account of the views of others and be able to take constructive criticism

11. Ensure their actions do not cause a nuisance or harassment to others. Never use language that is likely to offend the reasonable person, such as racist or sexist terms. Avoid any language or behaviour likely to cause offence to others
12. Should not engage in inappropriate behaviour that might be seen as threatening or confrontational
13. Not consume or be under the influence of alcohol or any illegal drugs during council meetings or whilst representing the council whether in an official capacity or otherwise (with the exception of alcohol where it is provided as part of a social event)

I HAVE READ, UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE CODE OF CONDUCT:

NAME:

SIGNATURE:

DATE: