

ELECTIONEERING GUIDELINES FOR CANDIDATES

Electioneering Guidelines

The following are the general guidelines that may assist candidates with the electioneering process where a ballot is to be held.

The University expects that all candidates will adhere to these guidelines, **campaign positively**, and enter into the spirit of the election with good grace and respect for the other candidates.

- Voting will be electronic for all Council, Academic Senate and College Board elections.
- Freedom of speech is promoted in accordance with the principles set out in the University's [Code for the Protection of Freedom of Speech and Academic Freedom](#).
- All candidates are subject to the rules, policies, guidelines and the [Code of conduct](#) of the University. This includes the appropriate use of the [internet](#), social media and emails. Candidates will be conscious of [privacy](#) considerations and will avoid the unauthorised or inappropriate use of mailing lists obtained from any source.
- All visitors to the campus who attend to support a candidate are also expected to observe the University's rules and policies, including [health and safety](#) requirements as well as these 'Electioneering Guidelines'.
- Candidates and their supporters should at all times ensure that they do not disrupt or intimidate any members of the University community when actively campaigning on campus. This includes disruptive or inappropriate behaviour in or around the Students Hubs, offices, laboratories, libraries, teaching places and other venues.
- Candidates and their supporters will not use loudspeakers, amplifiers or cameras inappropriately on campus during the voting period.
- Candidates are not to induce the vote of any elector (such as giving gifts, lollies, or other benefits to obtain votes).
- The use of posters and banners is allowed, providing that the fabric of the campus and its natural environment is preserved and protected.

If you have any questions regarding these guidelines, please contact the Deputy Returning Officer via email: elections@newcastle.edu.au