



THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE

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Spotlight on Leadership

2027

THE WOMEN'S COLLEGE WITHIN THE UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY

Leadership opportunities 2027

Positions* available in Student Leadership Group (SLG)



- **Resident Assistants / Senior Resident Assistants**

- Pastoral care within College, working alongside Dean of Students
- Receive Professional Leadership Scholarship, and may be paid for additional duties if required by College
- Appointed by staff following applications and interview, for the following year
- 17 positions in total (14 x RAs, 3 x SRAs)

- **Academic Assistants**

- Work alongside Vice Principal and Academic Project Officer
- Receive a fortnightly stipend and may be paid for additional tutorials if requested
- Appointed by staff following applications and interview, for the following year
- 10-12 positions in total

***All positions have mandatory training that you must be available for

Leadership opportunities 2027

Positions* available in Senior Leadership Group (SLG)



- House Committee
 - **Executive:** Senior Student, Secretary/ Vice Senior Student, Treasurer
 - **House Comm:** Cultural Rep, Sports Rep, Community Rep, University & Intercol Rep, 3rd Year Rep, 2nd Year Rep, Sibyl Society Rep
 - 1st Year Rep elected early in Sem 1 2027
 - Variable leadership scholarships
 - Elected by students for the following year
 - 11 positions in total

***All positions have mandatory training that you must be available for

Important dates & commitments 2026-7 (cont.)

31 August

Position descriptions for all leadership roles, voting guidelines and timelines released on Woople

2 September

Spotlight on Leadership – info night & Q&A, all years welcome, Menzies

If you're not available for the following mandatory training, you shouldn't run for the positions, including if you've done the positions before (exceptions may be given for coursework):

9 November

Leaders' Day **required attendance*

30 Nov-5 Dec 2027

NAAUC Conference (Melbourne) **required attendance for HC Exec*
[National Association of Australian University Colleges]

8-12 February 2027

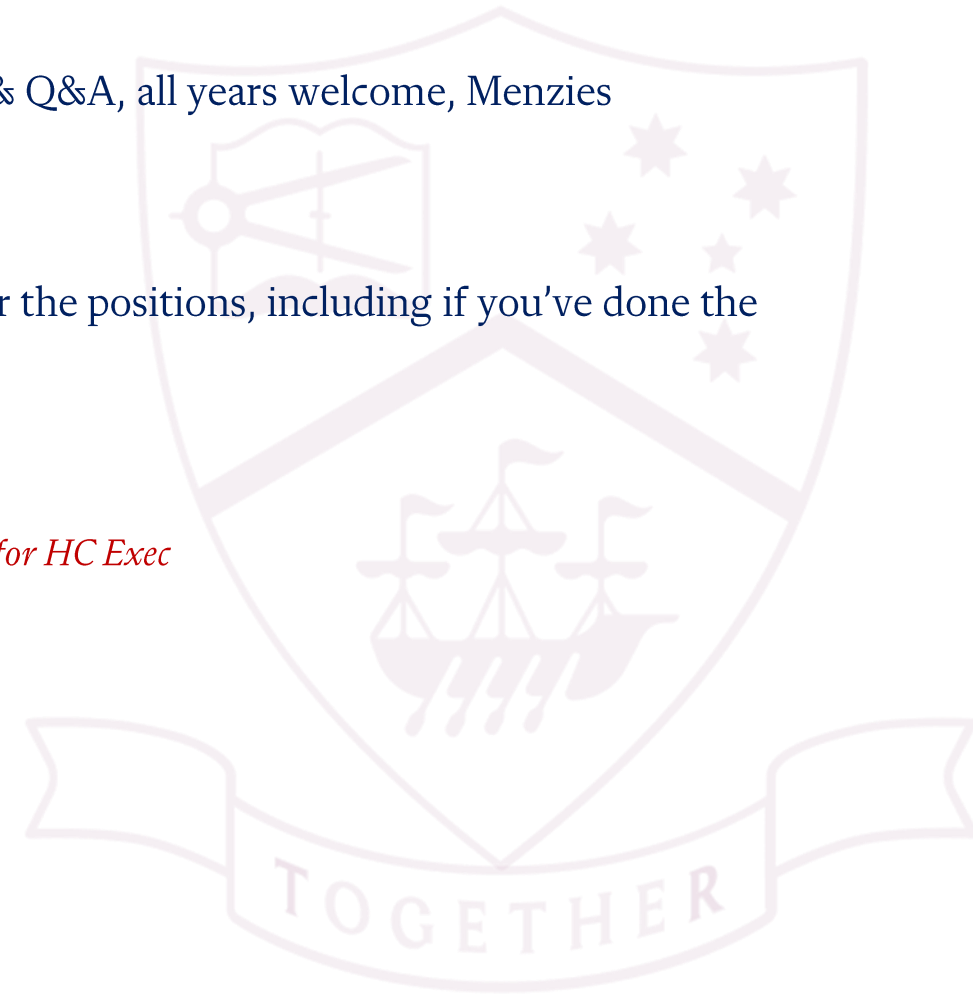
Leadership week for all positions **required attendance*

15-19 February 2027

Welcome Week **required attendance*

28-30 July 2027

Welcome Back inductions **required attendance*



House Committee Elections for 2027

Week 5

All prospective candidates have meeting with staff mentor and current HC incumbent

Meetings open from now until Friday of week 7, 18 September

Your nomination will not go forward if you don't have this meeting – plan your time and book in early!
(If you cannot make the timing work with staff and incumbent, arrange two separate meetings.)

Week 6

11 September

Nominations due for all House Committee positions **5pm**.

All candidates must meet nomination guidelines:

- Have met with staff mentor and current incumbent
- Formally nominate themselves
- Submit 200 word professional statement to Vice Principal [pathways@thewomenscollege.edu.au] and HC Secretary [housecommsecretary@gmail.com]
- In addition to formal nomination HC Exec positions give 3 minute speech; other HC positions may submit 90 second video

21 September

Round 1: HC Exec elections (SS, Sec/VSS, Treasurer) commence with nomination speeches at Formal Dinner

22-24 September

HC Exec election period

13-15 October

Round 2: HC elections, non-executive positions (not First Year Rep)

House Committee Staff Mentors for 2027

House Comm Position	Incumbent	Staff Mentor
Senior Student	Annabelle Burgess	Principal
Secretary	Amy Oaten	Vice Principal
Treasurer	Talisa Lamming	DOS/Bursar
Community Rep	Leah Holt	DOS/Philanthropy Mgr
Cultural Rep	Ava Buffier	Dean of Students
Sport Rep	Olivia Hadley	Dean of Students
University & Intercollege Rep	Victoria Chua	Dean of Students
Sibyl Society Rep	Annika Oakley	Vice Principal
Third Year Rep	Lily Heraghty	Vice Principal
Second Year Rep	Emma Turner	Vice Principal
[First Year Rep	Portia Paranchi	Dean of Students] *2027

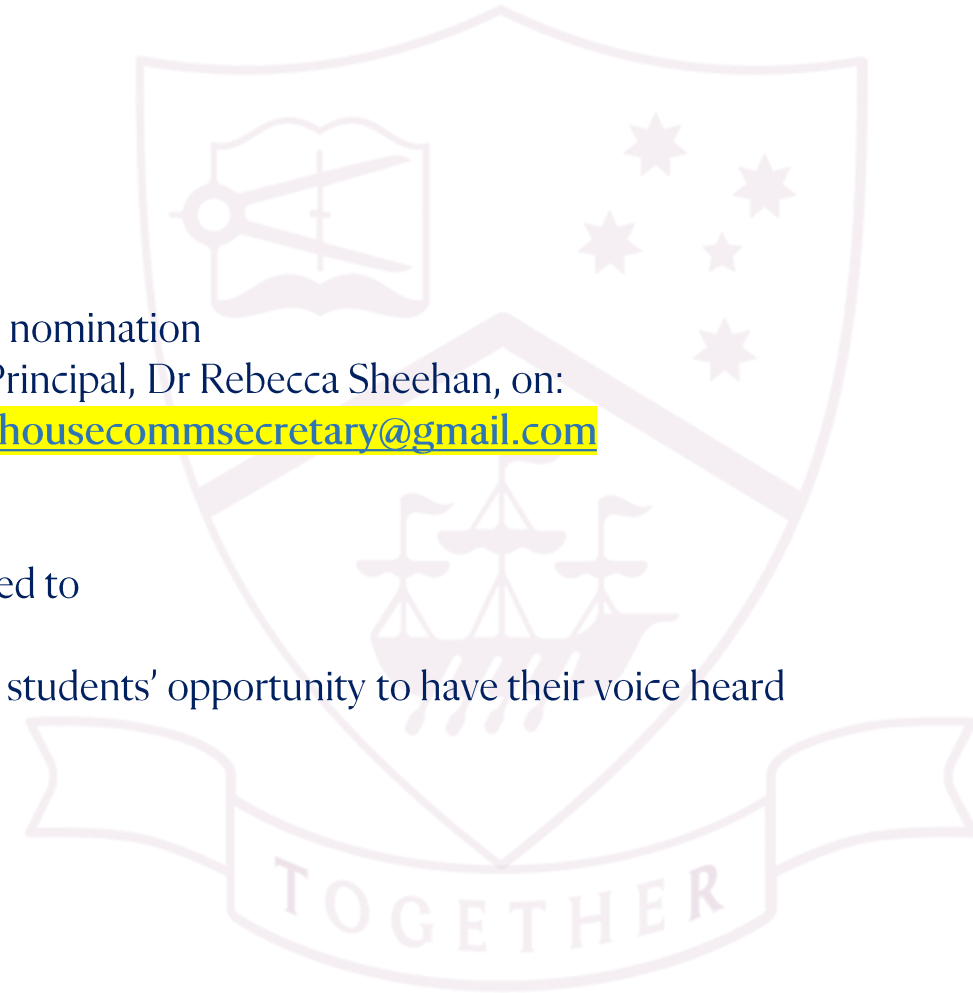
Who is eligible to vote?

Everyone! (see below)

House Comm Position	Voters
Senior Student	All students
Secretary	All students
Treasurer	All students
Community Rep	All students
Cultural Rep	All students
Sport Rep	All students
University & Intercollege Rep	All students
Sibyl Society Rep	All 2027 4 th year and post-graduate students
Third Year Rep	Current 2 nd year of College students
Second Year Rep	Current 1 st year of College students
[First Year Rep	<i>Elected in sem 1 2027]</i>

What to do next: House Comm

- Read the PDs (position descriptions) of all roles you are thinking of applying to (available on woogle)
- Review the Voting Guidelines (available on woogle)
- Plan your time:
 - To include writing your bio, statement, speech, video
 - Book in for meetings with staff mentors
 - Find a students' club member (that is, any student of TWC) to endorse your nomination
 - Submit your nomination/s **by 5pm, Friday 11 September** to both the Vice Principal, Dr Rebecca Sheehan, on: pathways@thewomenscollege.edu.au and the Secretary, Amy Oaten, on: housecommsecretary@gmail.com
 - Devise and implement your campaign strategy
- Write and rehearse your speech/es and/or video – time limits will be strictly adhered to
- Encourage all Wizzies to vote – voting is not compulsory but is encouraged: every students' opportunity to have their voice heard



What to do next: Book your meeting

- Available dates and times for meetings with staff:

Staff mentor	Availabilities
Principal	Monday 14 September 2pm-2.30pm Thursday 17 September 11am-12noon Thursday 17 September 2pm-3pm
Vice Principal	Wednesday 9 September 1pm-2pm Thursday 10 September 2.30pm-4pm Friday 11 September 9am-11am Monday 14 September 2pm-3pm Tuesday 15 September 11am-12noon Thursday 17 September 11am-12noon Friday 18 September 2pm-3pm
Dean of Students	Tuesday 8 September 11am-12noon Wednesday 9 September 11am-12noon Thursday 10 September 11am-12noon Friday 11 September 1.30-3pm Monday 14 September 11am-12noon Tuesday 15 September 11am-12noon Wednesday 16 September 11am-12noon

What to do next: Your election campaign

- What is your platform? What would you hope to achieve in the role in 2027?
- How will people get to know you? [Remember: everyone in College is voting]
 - Posters
 - Videos
 - Social networks
 - Other brilliant ideas?
 - Have some fun with it!
- Reminders during the election periods
(22-24 September – Exec positions; 13-15 October – non-Exec positions)
- Democracy sausage sizzles: Wednesday 23 September & Wednesday 14 October

RAs, SRAs, AAs in 2027

Week 5

RA, SRA and AA positions advertised and open

Weeks 5 – 8

Speak to Dean of Students or Vice Principal about the roles and how to apply, if you have any questions

Week 8

25 September

All RA, SRA and AA applications due, **5pm**

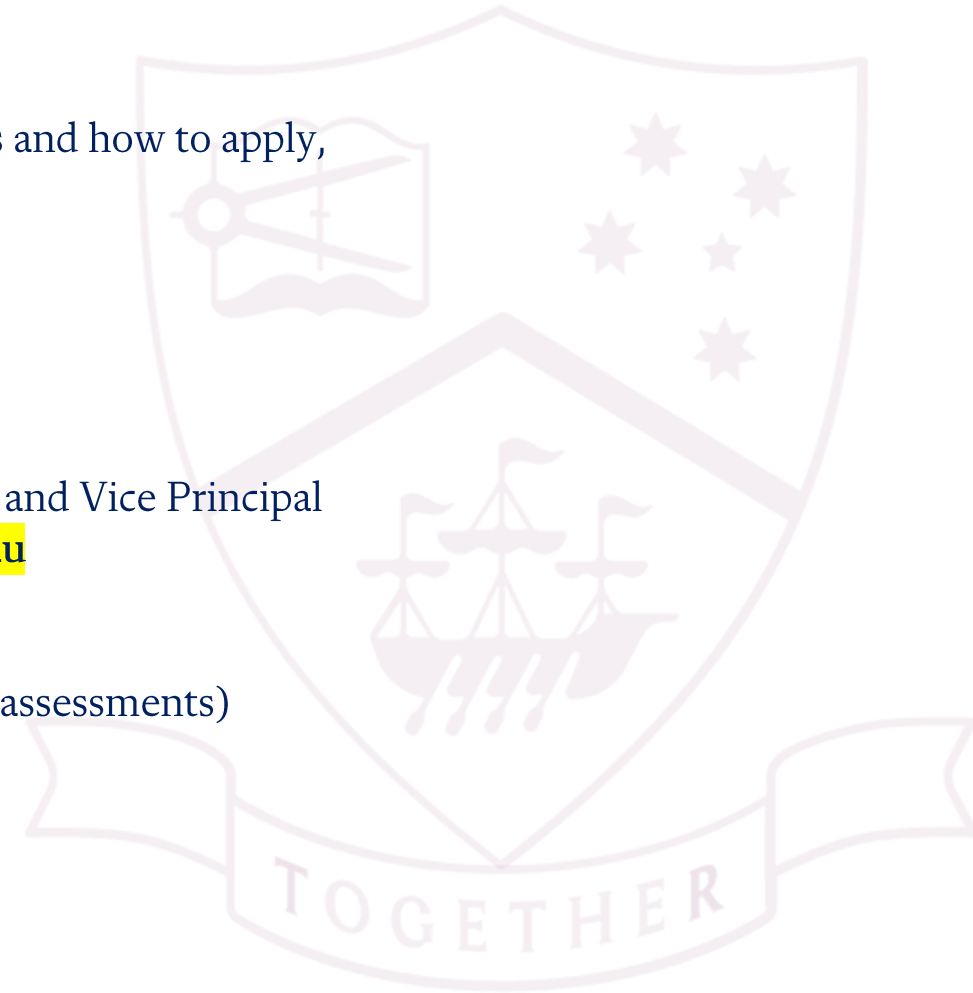
- Separate applications for each position being sought
- Apply with resume, cover letter and reference
- Submit applications to Dean of Students (RAs & SRAs) and Vice Principal (AAs) – email to **pathways@thewomenscollege.edu.au**
- Students on exchange are permitted to apply for 2027

Weeks 9 and 10

Interviews with shortlisted candidates (may involve group assessments)

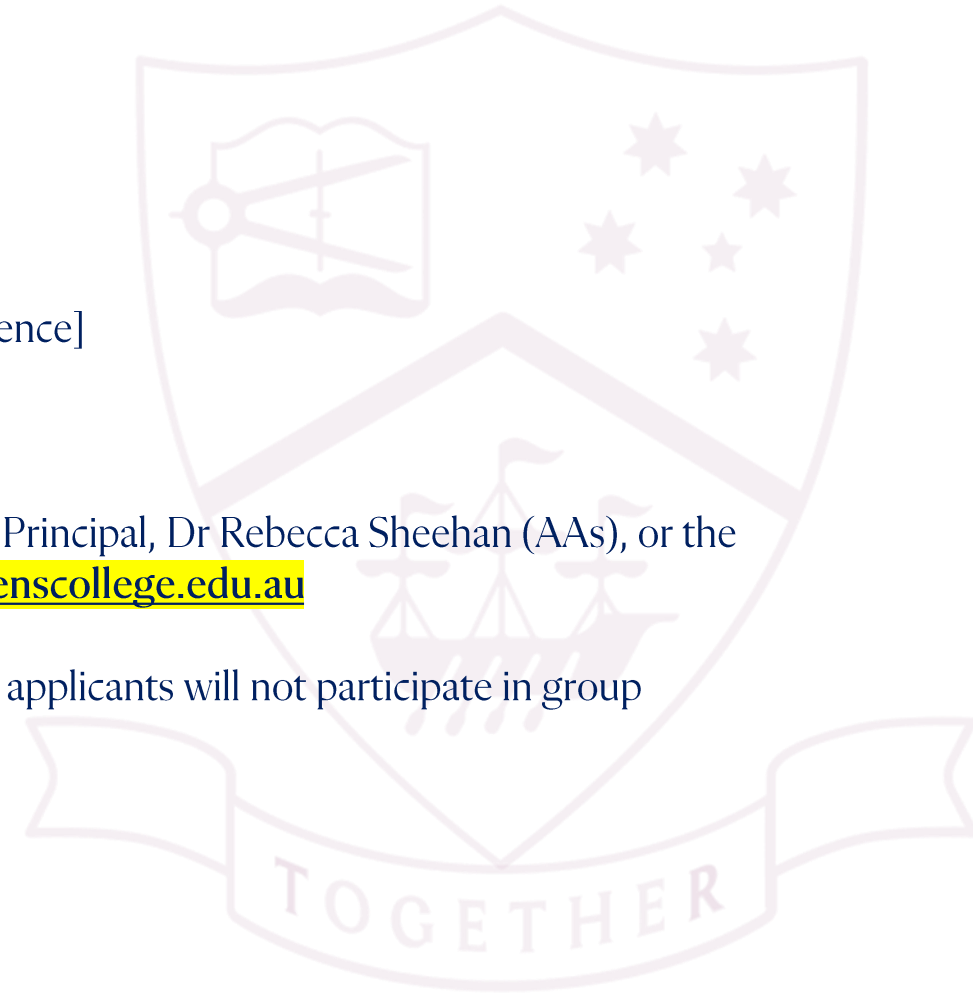
Week 11

Successful and unsuccessful candidates notified



What to do next: RAs, SRAs, AAs

- Read the PDs (position descriptions) of all roles you are thinking of applying to (available on woogle)
- Plan your time:
 - To include writing your bio and cover letter
 - To gather documents – references and/or academic record
[N.B.: please do not ask another member of College staff to write your reference]
 - Separate application submission for each position you are applying for
 - Submit your application/s **by 5pm, Friday 25 September** to either the Vice Principal, Dr Rebecca Sheehan (AAs), or the Dean of Students, Meredith Garlick (RAs & SRAs) on: **pathways@thewomenscollege.edu.au**
- Make yourself available for interviews in weeks 9 & 10 (sign-ups TBA) – returning applicants will not participate in group assessments but will have a review meeting with their staff mentor





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*Spotlight on Leadership Q&A:
Hear from your leadership team*

Wednesday 2 September 2026