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5 Days of Rage before National Day of Action Against Sexual Violence on Campus

For the last week, students around the country have been involved in actions against sexual violence on over 15 campuses. These actions are being held in the lead up to the NUS National Day of Action against sexual violence at universities on August 1st.

“Almost 1 year on from the release of the Australian Human Rights Commission's survey into sexual violence on university campuses, students are angry that universities are still failing to take authentic action,” Says NUS President, Mark Pace.

“Universities cannot expect sexual assault and harassment to just disappear. They need to start working with students and staff to change their campuses and make them safe,” says Kate Crossin NUS Women's Officer, “Most universities have failed to take the most basic first step - working with elected student representatives.”

On August 1st students will be rallying around the country in a display directed at all Vice-Chancellors and university management. With thousands of students expected to attend actions across all the states, universities will see that this issue is not one that will go away quietly.

“We are sick of universities thinking they are immune to this problem because they aren't the focus of news stories. This is a problem at every single campus and to deny that is to let down every student that has faced sexual harassment and assault,” Says Crossin.

The National Union of Students Women's Department has created a list of demands for universities to sign on to:

- 1. Mandatory Student Representation on advisory bodies and action/working groups*
- 2. Greater University oversight of colleges*
- 3. Adequate information to prepare international students for Australian university culture*
- 4. Increased funding and support for external sexual violence services*
- 5. Face to Face Cultural and linguistically diverse sexual violence education*
- 6. Centralised, survivor centric reporting processes*
- 7. Sexual violence response Training for academic and support service staff*
- 8. Increased counselling and support services with dedicated sexual violence units*
- 9. Standardised policies and procedures across all areas of the university*
- 10. Annual release of all data that pertains to sexual violence on campus*



Rally Details:

VIC

2pm, South Lawn - Melbourne University

<https://www.facebook.com/events/147063436110586/?ti=icl>

NSW

12pm, Fisher Library - Usyd

<https://www.facebook.com/events/491353347980626/?ti=icl>

5pm, GP101 - University of Newcastle Callaghan Campus

<https://www.facebook.com/events/206314730031902/?ti=icl>

SA

12pm Student Hub - Adelaide Uni

WA

12pm Oak Lawn, UWA

<https://www.facebook.com/events/672022249824603/?ti=icl>

ACT

12pm Chancelry Building, ANU

<https://www.facebook.com/events/2011251405854655/?ti=icl>

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