

Student Voice

Australia

Working together to develop a culture of authentic student partnership within our tertiary institutions and across the sector to enhance all aspects of learning, teaching, decision making and the student experience.

The Student Voice Australia pilot is a collaboration between ten tertiary education institutions to build and implement practices to facilitate authentic student engagement through partnership in institutional decision making and governance. The project aims to develop and sustain a culture of student partnership in the sector nationally.

The 12 month pilot program is jointly funded through an agreement between the following institutions:

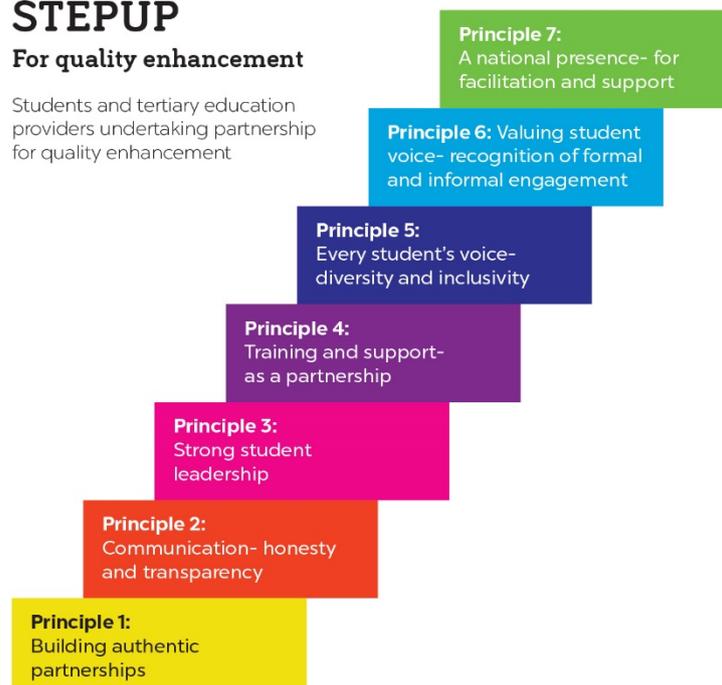
- The University of Technology Sydney
- La Trobe University
- The University of New South Wales
- The University of Adelaide
- Charles Sturt University
- The University of the Sunshine Coast
- Holmesglen Institute
- Curtin University
- Flinders University
- The University of New England

This Pilot will continue to build capacity around the [Principles for Student Engagement for Australian Tertiary Institutions](#) (STEPUP for Quality Enhancement) developed through sector wide collaboration by Australian Learning and Teaching Fellow, Professor Sally Varnham.

STEPUP

For quality enhancement

Students and tertiary education providers undertaking partnership for quality enhancement



We will do this by:

Building a culture of authentic student engagement within our institutions

- Reviewing current student engagement practice and student representative structures across institutions to set priorities for future focus through **Institutional Analysis Workshops**.
- Developing **shared standards** to further articulate, benchmark and embed the **STEPUP Principles**.
- Assisting institutions in developing **Student Partnership Agreements** outlining how students and staff work in partnership to enhance the student experience.
- Supporting the development of institution wide **student representative structures**.

Building capacity of Student Representatives

- Developing **training modules and good practice guidelines** for student representatives within institutions, including students on institutional governance bodies.
- Hosting a **Student Voice Summit** inviting student representatives to come together to workshop authentic student partnership practice and strengthen their own capacity to work in partnership within their institutions and with sector agencies.

Learning from each other at a national level

- Facilitating a **Practitioner Network** for staff who work with student representatives to share good practice, discuss national issues, and provide collegial support and guidance.
- Facilitating a **Student Partner Network** for students involved in student staff partnerships.
- Bringing staff and students together for the **Student Voice Australia Symposium** to showcase the achievements of the Pilot and share good practice in student engagement from across our Australian institutions.



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