



# AVONDALE UNIVERSITY

**2021 PROPOSED STUDENT SERVICES  
AND AMENITIES FEE ALLOCATION**



# WHAT IS SSAF?

The Student Services and Amenities Fee (SSAF) contributes to the provision of important student services and amenities of a non-academic nature, such as health and welfare services, skills for studying, sporting, and recreational activities.

SSAF revenue can be spent on the following services:

- | providing food or drink to students on a campus of the higher education provider.
- | supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students.
- | supporting the administration of a club most of whose members are students.
- | caring for children of students.
- | providing legal services to students.
- | promoting the health or welfare of students.
- | helping students secure accommodation.
- | helping students obtain employment or advice on careers.
- | helping students with their financial affairs.
- | helping students obtain insurance against personal accidents.
- | supporting debating by students.
- | providing libraries and reading rooms (other than those provided for academic purposes) for students.
- | supporting an artistic activity by students.
- | supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students.
- | helping students develop skills for study, by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled.
- | advising on matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described).
- | advocating students' interests in matters arising under the higher education provider's rules (however described).
- | giving students information to help them in their orientation; and
- | helping meet the specific needs of overseas students relating to their welfare, accommodation, and employment.

# SSAF PROJECTS AND SERVICES:

For 2021, we have estimated SSAF revenue of \$210,000 in the budgeting process, and this amount has been allocated to the projects and services outlined below.

SERVICE AREA	2021 BUDGET
<b>Student Support Services:</b>	<b>\$149,928</b>
Providing libraries and reading rooms (other than those provided for academic purposes)	
Promoting the health or welfare of students	
Helping students obtain employment or advice on careers	
Providing food and drink to students on campus	
Helping students develop skills for study by means other than undertaking courses of study in which they are enrolled.	
Supporting the production and dissemination to students of media whose content is provided by students.	
Supporting an artistic activity by students	
Supporting a sporting or other recreational activity by students	
Giving students information to help them in their orientation.	
Helping students secure accommodation	
<b>Student Association:</b>	<b>\$25,072</b>
Student Leadership on both campuses	
<b>Student Association:</b>	
Lake Macquarie Campus	<b>\$30,000</b>
Sydney Campus	<b>\$5,000</b>
<b>Total Allocated</b>	<b>\$210,000</b>

# SSAF PRIORITIES:

As a result of the student feedback provided in the 2021 SSAF survey, this year's SSAF priorities will be:

- | Promoting the health or welfare of students
- | Providing food or drink to students on campus of the higher education provider.
- | Helping Students Obtain Employment or Advice on Career

In 2021 SSAF will continue to work within these spaces until student feedback says otherwise. The SSAF Consultative Committee will also be discussing previous works that still need on-going funding/completion of jobs.



# SSAF 2021 INITIATIVES:

Of the \$210,000 SSAF funding budgeted for 2021, \$35,000 has been allocated towards supporting student initiatives. In the budget breakdown above we can see how the funds are distributed across the two campuses with Sydney Campus receiving \$5,000 and Lake Macquarie receiving \$30,000.

## **Sydney Campus:**

In accordance with Sydney campuses survey feedback students identified two key needs: more seating and greater availability of food options. Acting on this feedback, we have begun the process of looking into more permanent food service such as a ANSA coffee cart and possible outdoor seating options.

More information will be made available via the ASL website and ANSA Instagram.

## **Lake Macquarie Campus:**

In our semester one survey, Lake Macquarie students were asked to select of three given SSAF options , for project funding. From this feedback we were able to identify which project/s priorities for SSAF funding. Listed below are the three options with a supporting summary of each:

### **Outdoor Student Hub (Phase two):**

The purpose of this project is to improve a pre-existing student hub. Phase one has been approved and is expected to be completed by the end of semester 2, 2021. Phase two outdoor additions include:

- | Installation of fixed/portable seating options
- | Additional outdoor lighting & electrical points
- | New outdoor water fountain/bottle filling station
- | Fixed outdoor table tennis space

*NOTE: Along with the SSAF funding allocated this year, SSAF funding from previous years has been carried over and allocated to continuing the outdoor student hub that was approved in 2020.*

### **On-campus Seating:**

The proposed outdoor cafeteria area is currently the concrete space in front of The CAF. This project will be aimed at replacing the current CAF seating and working towards creating more student friendly seating options.

Students will be updated about seating options via student email and Avondale Student Life (ASL) website.

Voting will take place in semester 2.

### **Indoor Entertainment Space:**

Informal learning spaces encourage community bonding and promote alternative well-being activities.

By introducing a new indoor entertainment space, it will allow for students to connect and bond with peers through different mediums such as: gaming, film and online videos/streaming services.

This space will be situated in Lower College Hall. Students will be able to access/loan gaming consoles and films from the Student Life Services (SLS) desk or connect their own devices.

### **Outcome:**

According to the results of semester one survey, the student body was divided, and results were equal across the three projects. As a result, we have decided to follow through with all three projects. Budgets may vary depending on materials, but students will be updated as each project progresses.

Moving into 2022, we will aim to create more online programs. We understand that due to COVID-19 and the switch to online learning future initiatives will be more inclusive of our off-campus and online students. This will be noted in our next survey.

# SSAF UPDATES:

## **Student Service Amenities Fee Consultative Committee:**

In 2020 we began the initial process of introducing a Student Services and Amenities Fee Consultative Committee (SSAFCC). Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 and the postponing of all major works until 2021, the SSAFCC was paused until further notice.

This year in semester one we conducted our first meetings for the outdoor student hub project. Moving forward we will work to communicate future updates and involve more students in the process.

More information regarding SSAF changes will be available on the Avondale Student Life (ASL) website.

## **Student Proposals for SSAF funding:**

We are still in the process of trialing the SSAF proposal forms. Hopefully by 2022 we will have a final form available on the student life website.

SSAF Updates available via the Student Life Newsletter

## **Important SSAF Dates:**

SSAF Survey: 17th September 2021

SSAF Proposal Dates will be posted on the Avondale Student Life (ASL) website for Semester One proposals.