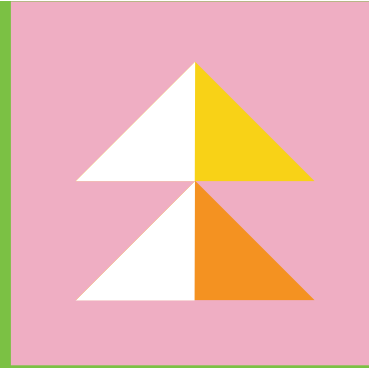




2026 PGC ELECTIONS INFORMATION SESSION

THIS SESSION IS RECORDED



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

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AGENDA

PGC ELECTION TIMELINE

WHO ARE THE PGC?

PGC POSITIONS

ELECTION FORMS / TICKET REGISTRATION

MEDIA / GAMAMARI COVERAGE

CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES & CONDUCT

QUESTIONS

TIMELINE

Mon 31 August (T2/T3 Break)	Nominations Open (9am)
Wed 2 September (T2/T3 Break)	Info Session (TODAY) 12 – 12:30pm
Fri 11 September (T3 O-WEEK)	Nominations Close (4pm)
<i>Mon 21 September (T3 WK2)</i>	<i>Nominations Re-open (if required)</i>
<i>Mon 28 September (T3 WK3)</i>	<i>Nomination Re-close (if required)</i>
Mon 12 October (T3 WK5)	Voting commences 7am
Thurs 15 October (T3 WK5)	Voting concludes 9pm



PURPOSE OF THE PGC

The PGC's core mission is founded on 3 main values



ADVOCACY

- To amplify the postgraduate voice at different University levels
- To strengthen the student voice by connecting student bodies within UNSW such as the Student Representative Council (SRC), Academic Board and Arc Board



ENGAGEMENT

- To organise events that foster community building, celebrate student achievements, and encourage a social atmosphere
- To organise professional development events that educate postgraduate on entering the job-market and guide their transition from student to employee

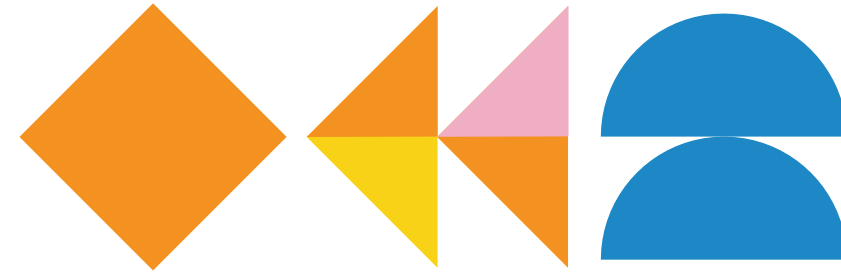


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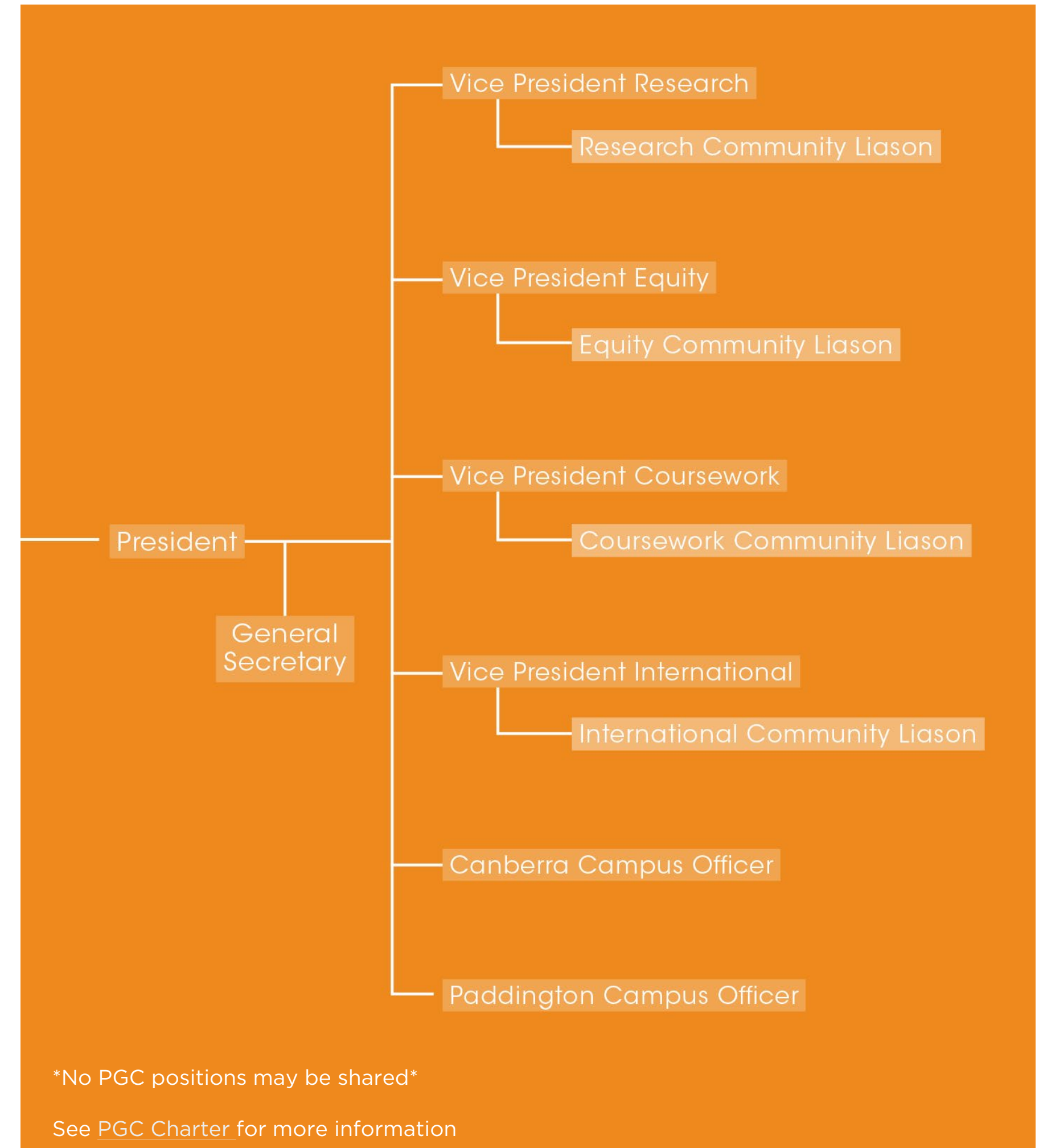
- To offer a first point-of-contact for postgraduates with coursework and research inquiries
- To promote diversity and inclusion of all postgraduate students
- To connect postgraduate students with wellbeing services



PGC POSITIONS



- All postgraduate (PG) students
- President & Gen Sec = open to all PG students
- Research Positions = Research students
- Coursework Positions = Coursework students
- International Positions = International students
- Canberra Officer = Controlling faculty based at Canberra
- Paddington Officer = Controlling faculty based at Paddington
- Equity Positions = Must identify as being from an underrepresented group



ELECTION FORMS

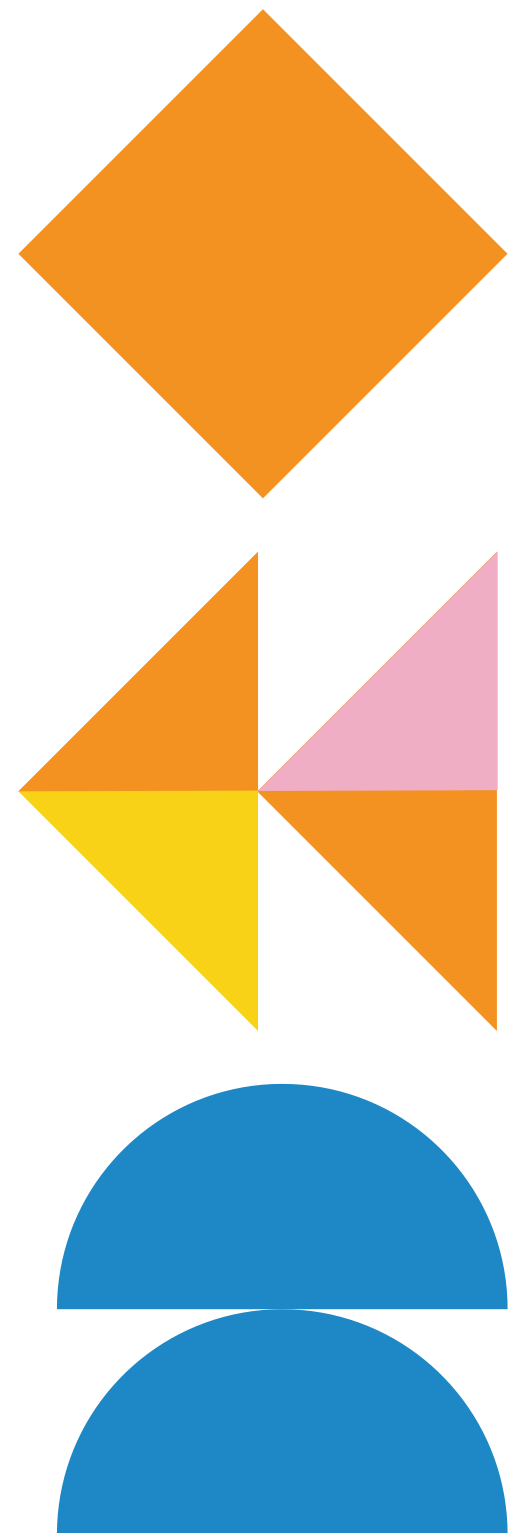
NOMINATION FORM

OPEN NOW | CLOSES: Friday 11 September, 4PM

TICKET REGISTRATION FORM

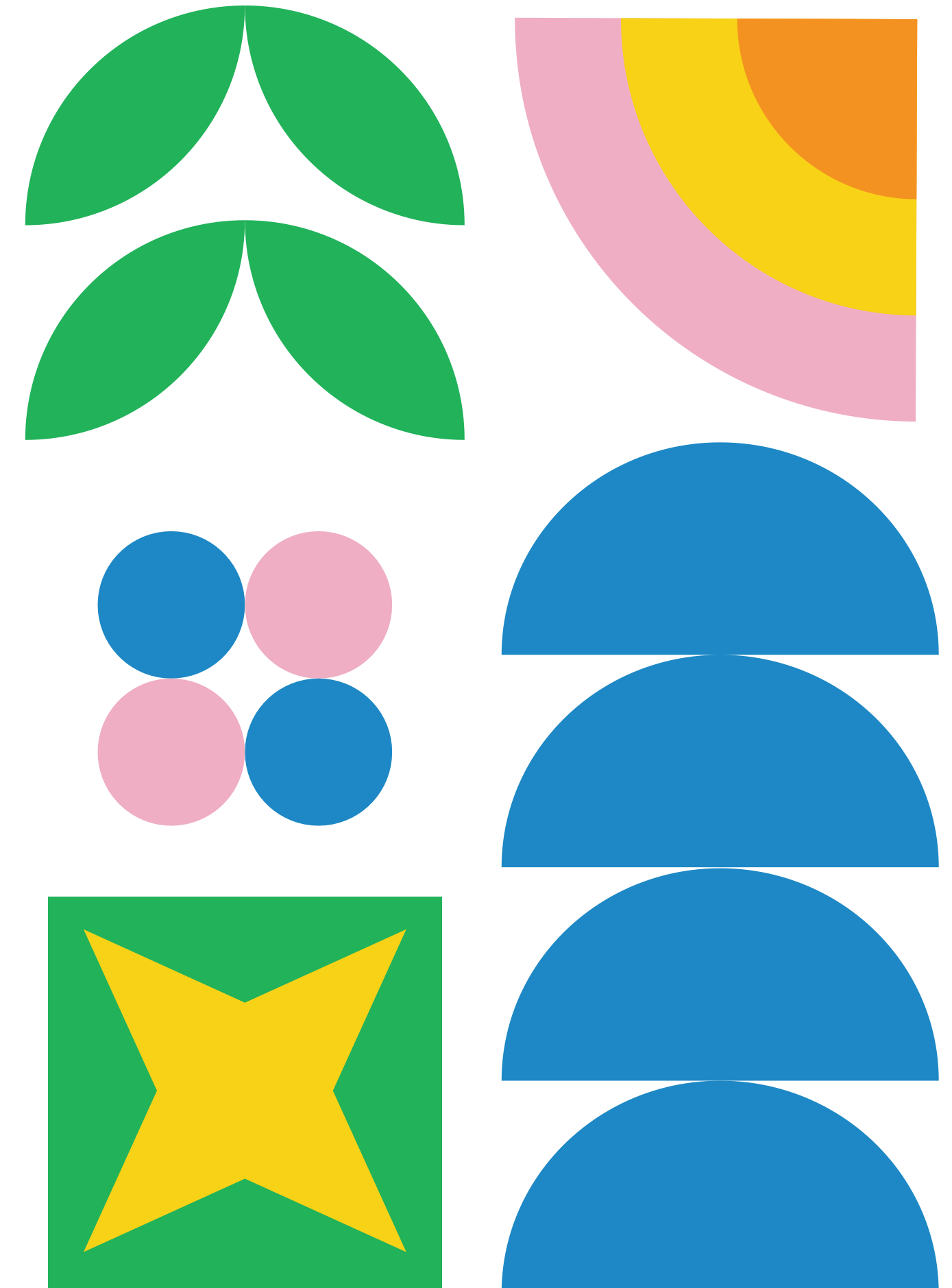
Ticket Registration DUE: Monday 14 September, 4PM

Group Membership/Seniority DUE: Tuesday 15 September, 4pm



GAMAMARI COVERAGE

- Gamamari is the Student Newspaper for UNSW, facilitated and published by Arc
- Gamamari *may* reach out to candidates after eligibility is confirmed
- The Returning Officer will review all content
- Content may be published
- Participation is optional. Coverage cannot be used as grounds for lodging an election appeal.
- Should an Arc publication (i.e. Gamamari, Blitz) facilitate an event, Q&A session, debate, article or similar, the Returning Officer must approve the use of any material in any way, unless already released publicly by the publication



ELECTION CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES



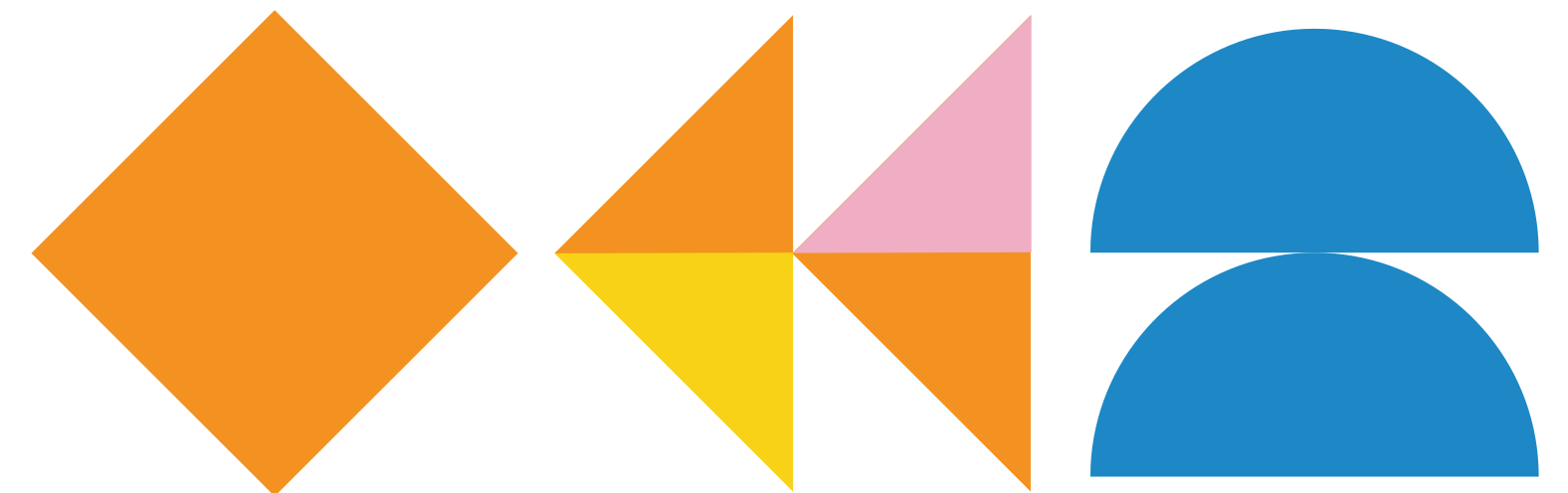
CAMPAIGNING DATES

Online, Verbal & On-Campus Campaigning may commence:

Friday 11 September, 4PM

Online, Verbal & On-Campus Campaigning must conclude:

Thursday 15 October, 9PM



CAMPAIGNING FORMATS



ONLINE CAMPAIGNING

- The use of social media platforms, emails, messages, digital flyers etc.



VERBAL CAMPAIGNING

- Informal conversations with individuals
- Wearing of campaign T-shirts and distribution of flyers is allowed throughout approved locations on UNSW campuses.



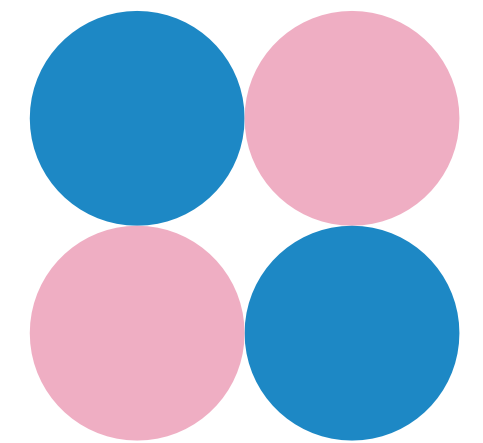
ON-CAMPUS CAMPAIGNING

- Engaging with students via means of handing out flyers, conversations, A-frames, displaying posters etc.
- Allowed throughout approved locations on UNSW campuses



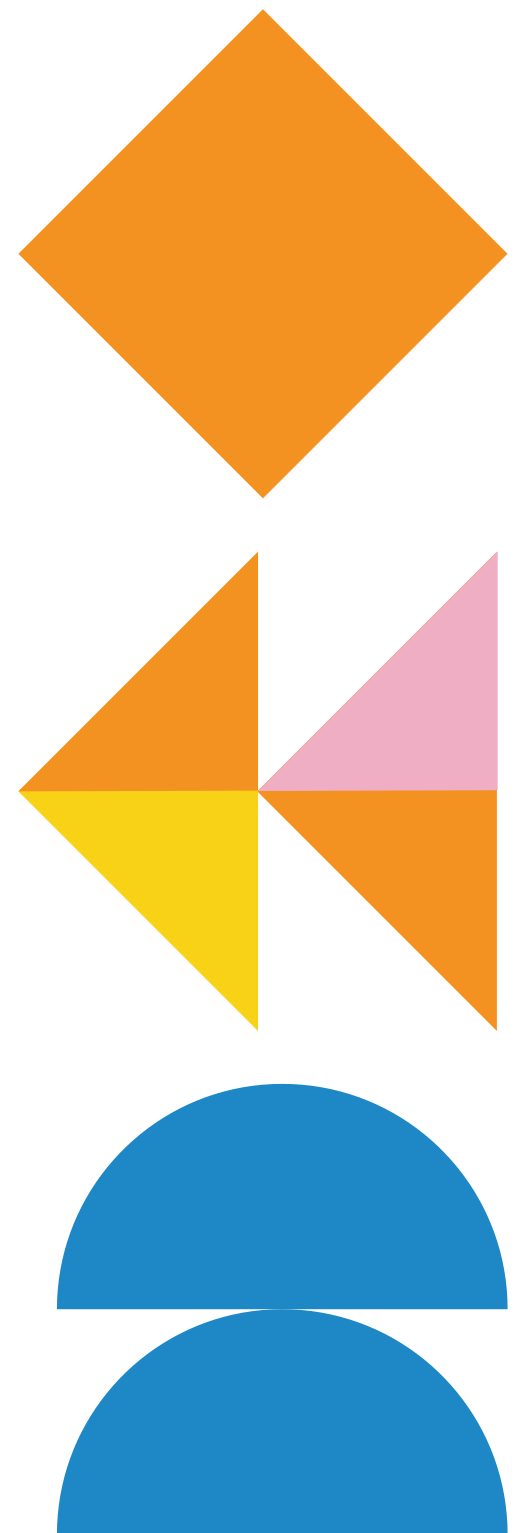
CAMPAIGNING GUIDELINES

- Each candidate must abide by, and inform their supporters(s) and campaigner(s) of the Arc Regulations and Guidelines, including the necessity to observe these requirements at all times.
- All candidates nominate and run independently of Arc
- No candidate is endorsed or support by Arc or Arc Affiliated Clubs
- The Arc logo or Arc Affiliated Clubs logo must not be used in campaigning material



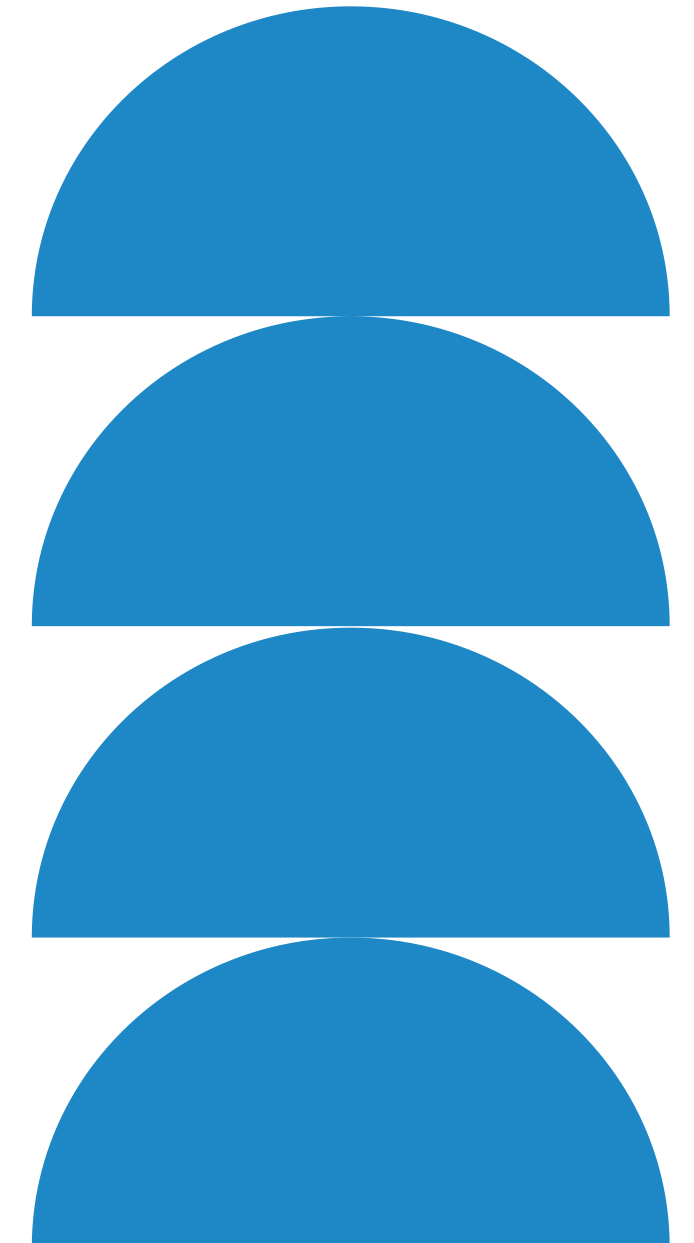
ONLINE CAMPAIGNING

- Arc will not actively monitor online forms and social media platforms
- All campaign posts must include the name and zID of ticket authorizer, unless posting on the Candidates' personal platform
- The following is prohibited
 - ✗ Sponsored or paid social media posts
 - ✗ Paid advertising
 - ✗ Publicity on dating sites/apps
 - ✗ Use of email lists of UNSW students for campaigning or spam, unless explicitly registered
 - ✗ Use of UNSW Learning Platforms such as Moodle for campaigning purposes



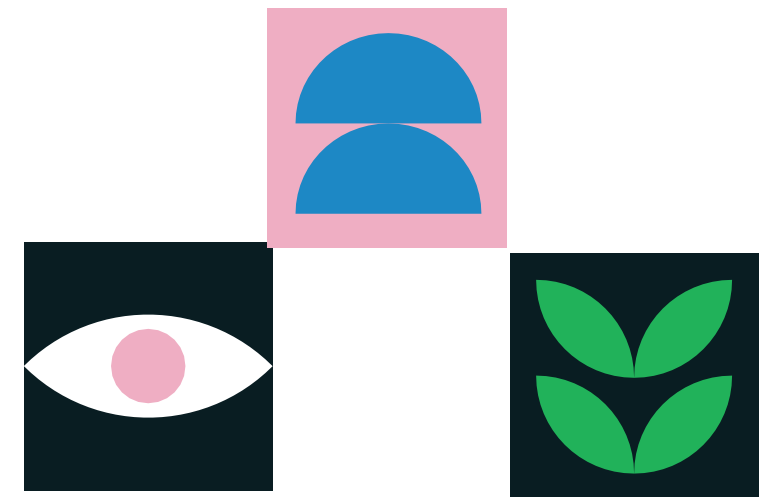
ON-CAMPUS CAMPAIGNING

- Campaigners may campaign in-person across campus during the permitted dates
- ✗ Campaigning is NOT permitted in areas such as
 - The Library
 - Pedestrian accessways (including entries and exits to buildings)
 - Near emergency exits
 - Vehicle access points
 - On roadways
 - Study areas
 - Areas where students have assembled for another purpose e.g. in a lecture
 - Disability pathways
 - SRC & PGC spaces
 - Arc spaces
- ✓ A-Frames are permitted, however must not be left unattended
- ✗ The set-up of stalls, tables, and banners across campus is not permitted



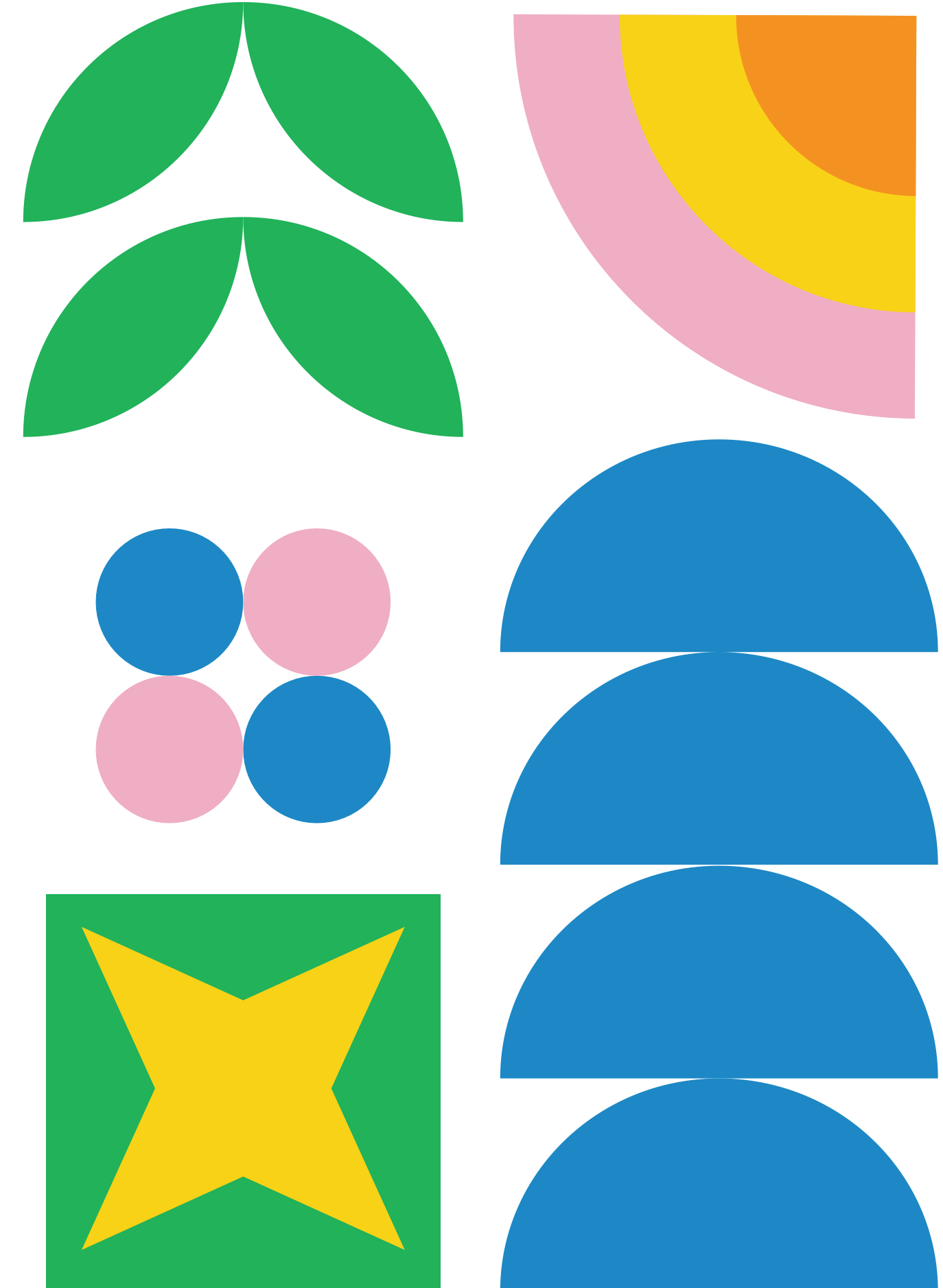
OPT-OUT OF CAMPAIGNING

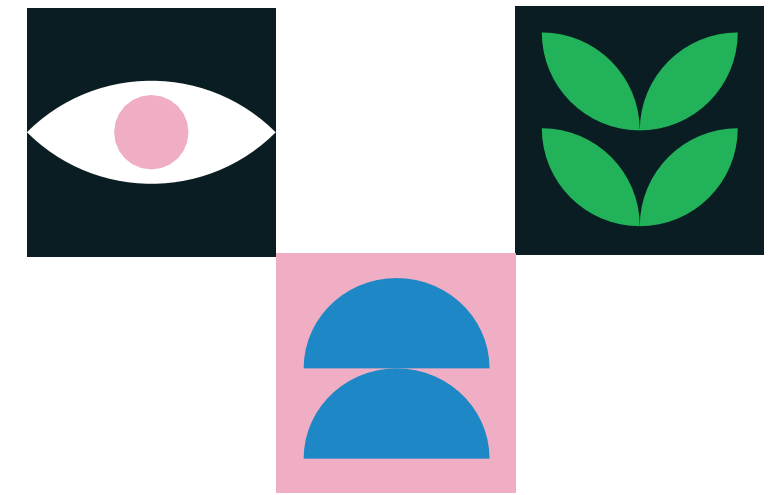
- Available to students from the Arc Front Desk/Reception
- What this means: students who wear this badge do NOT wish to be approached regarding elections
- Campaigners are to respect student wishes. Do not approach or cease campaigning when made aware



RESIDENTIAL COLLEGES

- Door knocking is prohibited within all Colleges
- Each College retains the right to apply its own parameters and restrictions
- Campaigners must comply with any directions issued by College staff and/or signage





DISTANCING & DEVICE HANDLING

- Respect the personal space of students
- Do not follow students around on campus
- Maintain at least 2 meters distance while students are **VOTING** unless invited by the student for assistance
- Do not touch or handle the personal device of a student in an attempt to 'pre-fill' voting preferences



POSTERING

- Postering is permitted on-campus, on
 - ✓ UNSW Noticeboards
 - ✓ Arc temporary campaigning posterboards
- Campaigners must
 - Abide by the Campaigning Guidelines and [Promotional and Advertising Guidelines for UNSW Campuses](#)
 - Comply with all directions from Estate Management and/or UNSW Security
- The following is NOT permitted
 - ✗ Postering on top of UNSW signage e.g., building, wayfinding, classroom signage
 - ✗ Postering on any surface not explicitly for postering



POSTERING

UNSW NOTICEBOARDS

- ✓ Use tack pins or tape
- ✗ Do NOT use glue or other adhesives

Arc TEMPORARY POSTERBOARDS

- Arc has installed temporary poster boards across campus for the SRC & PGC elections.
- ✓ Use blu-tac, painter's tape or regular 'sticky' tape
- ✗ Do NOT use heavy duty/packing tape

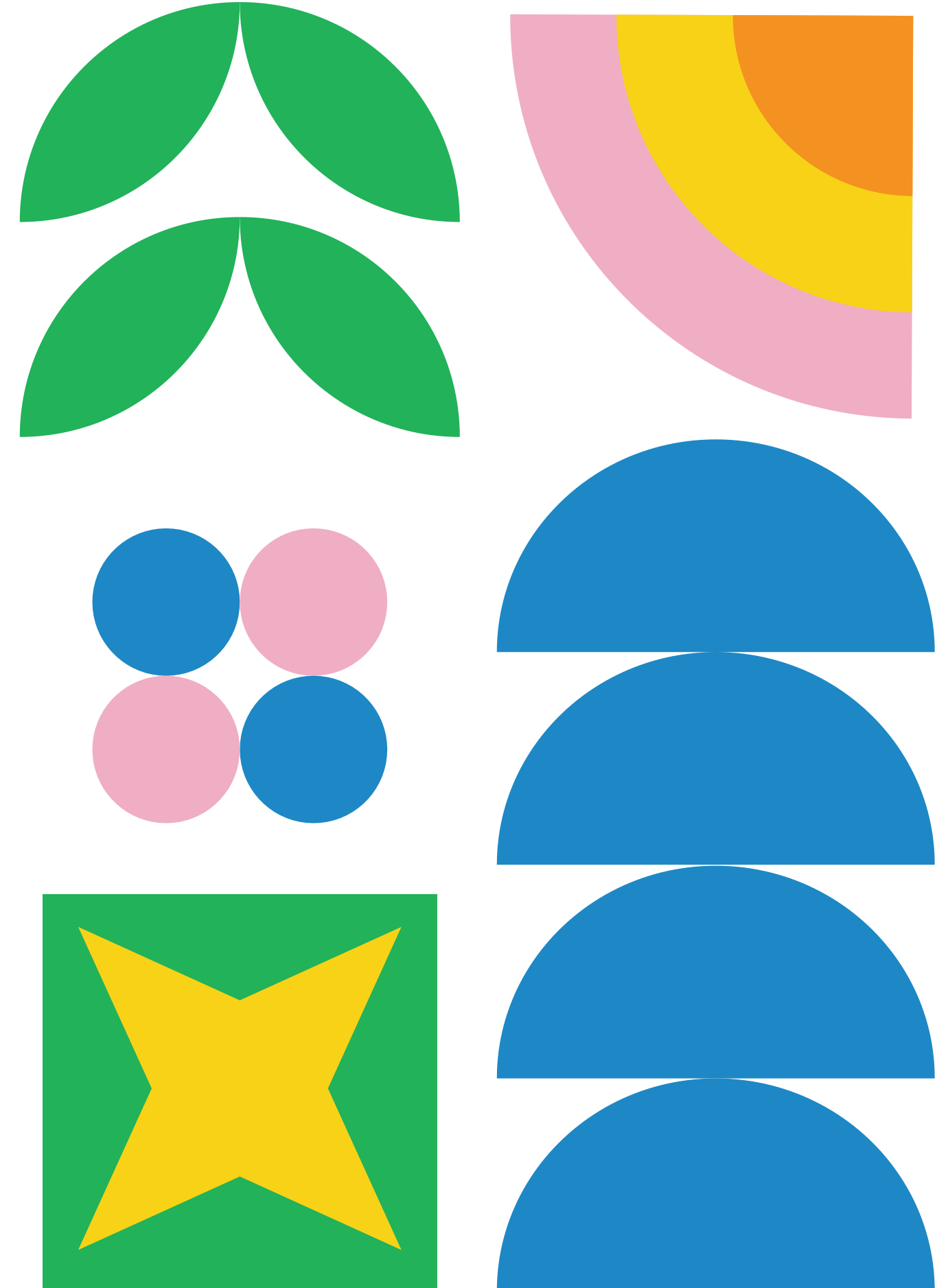
**ALL POSTERING AND SIGNAGE MUST BE REMOVED
WITHIN 48 HOURS OF VOTING CLOSING**



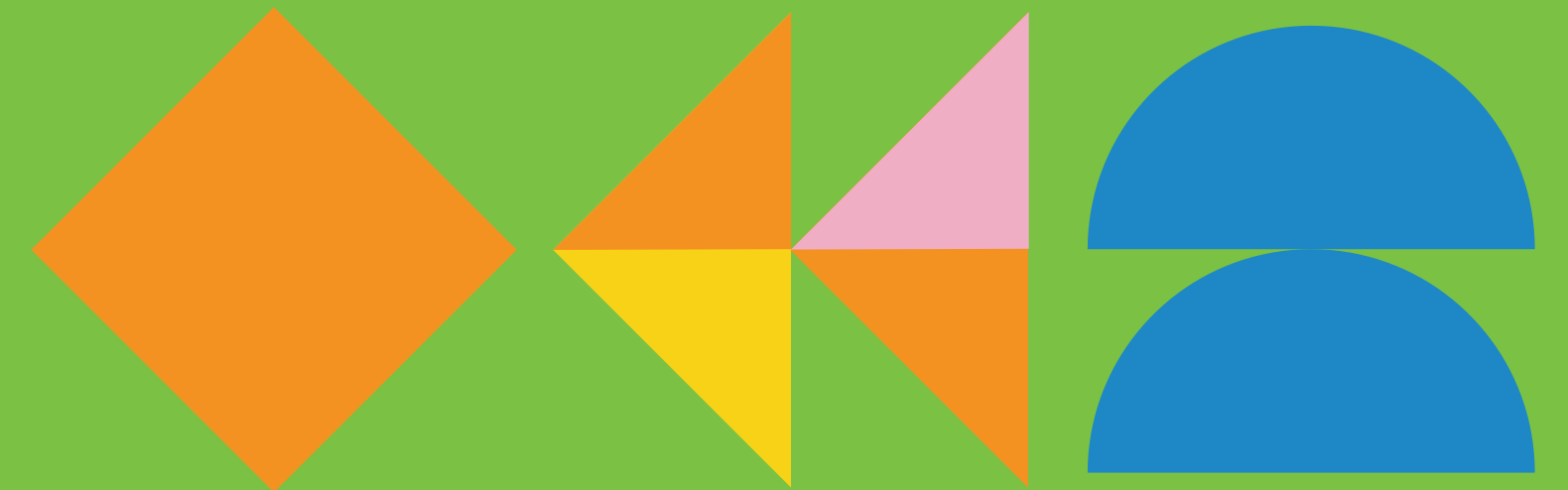
EVENT GUIDELINES

✗ Arc events, including Arc Club events CANNOT be used for campaigning purposes, including

- Addressing groups of students
- Display or distributing campaigning material

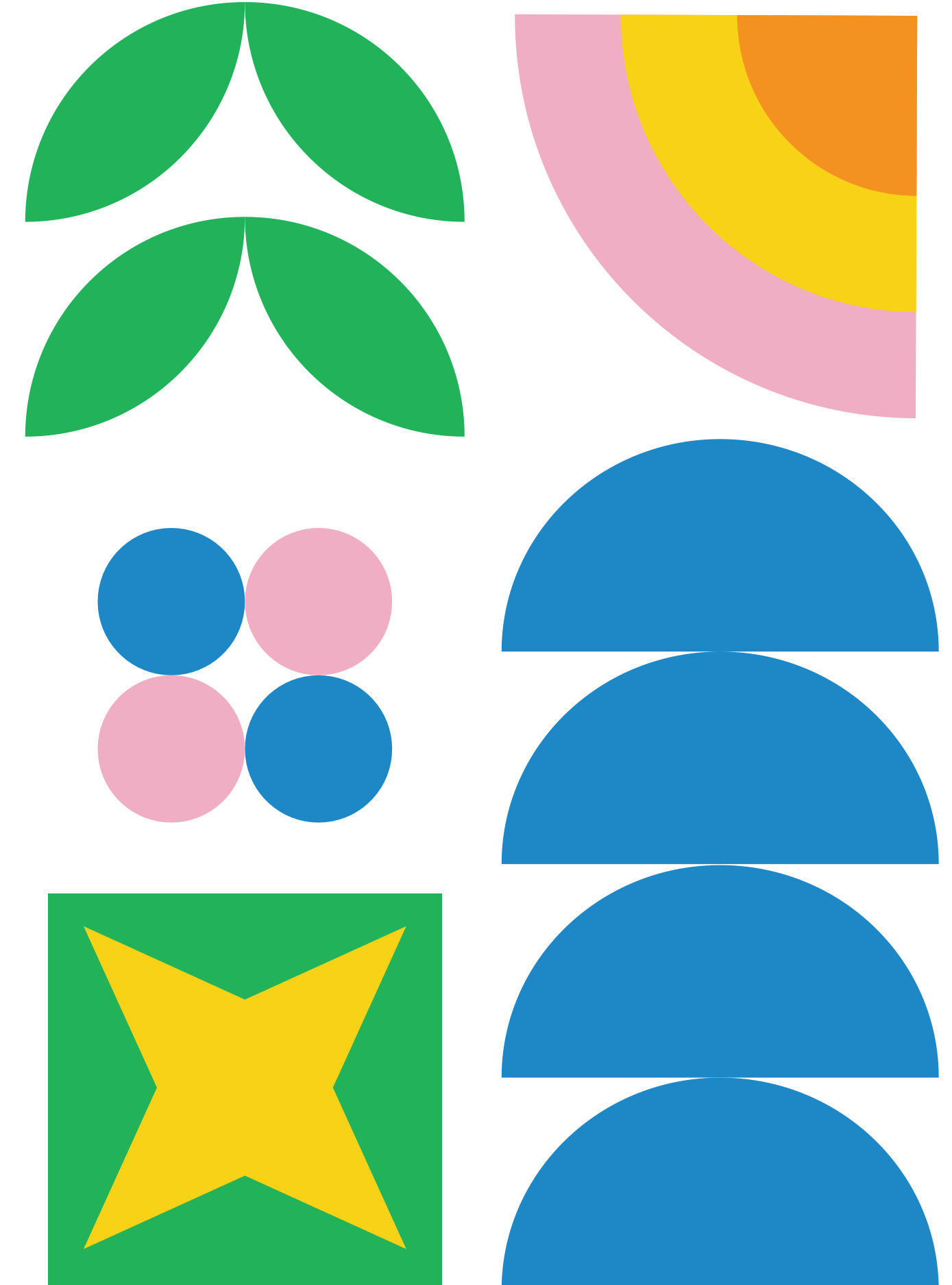


CAMPAIGNING CONDUCT



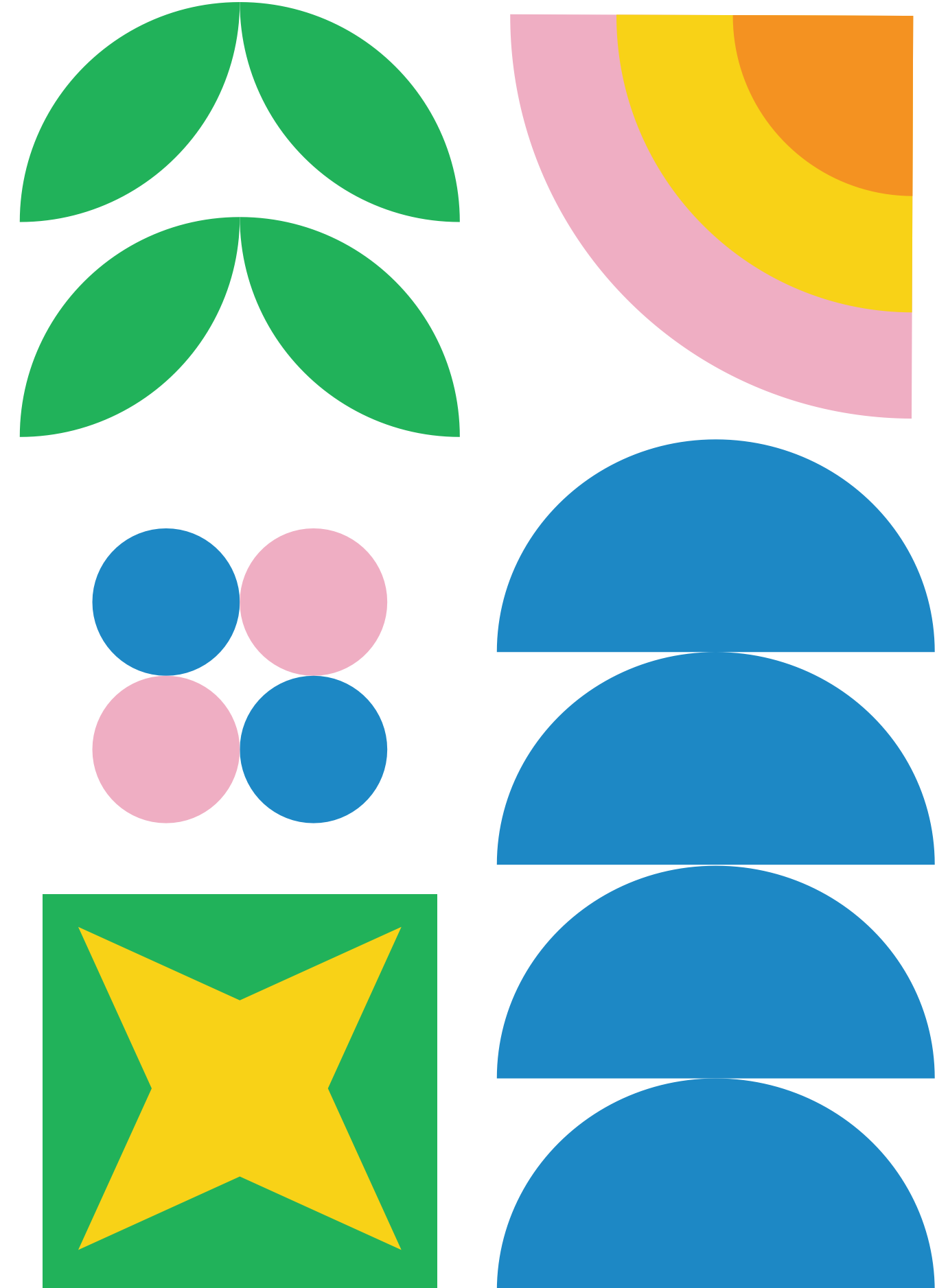
CONDUCT

- All students involved in the election in any way must adhere to the standards of behaviour as provided for Arc Regulations.
- Any candidate(s) or campaigner(s) that publish, display or distribute any inappropriate material (including aiding and/or abetting such behaviour) will be required to remove the material in question if directed by the Returning Officer, and issue a retraction if appropriate by a means deemed necessary by the Returning Officer.
- Any candidate(s) or campaigner(s) found to have breached this may be subject to actions outlined in Arc Regulations.



INAPPROPRIATE CONDUCT

- Engaging in behaviour that is intimidatory, aggressive, threatening or harassing towards any other person (including coercion or intimidation of voters), whether that behaviour takes place in person, online or any other way;
- Engaging in any dishonest practice in relation to the election;
- Publicising any campaign content that is untrue, misleading or deceptive, discriminatory, sexist, racist, or homophobic;
- Misleading or hindering the Returning Officer or delegates in the execution of their duties.



CAMPAIGNING CAN BE STRESSFUL

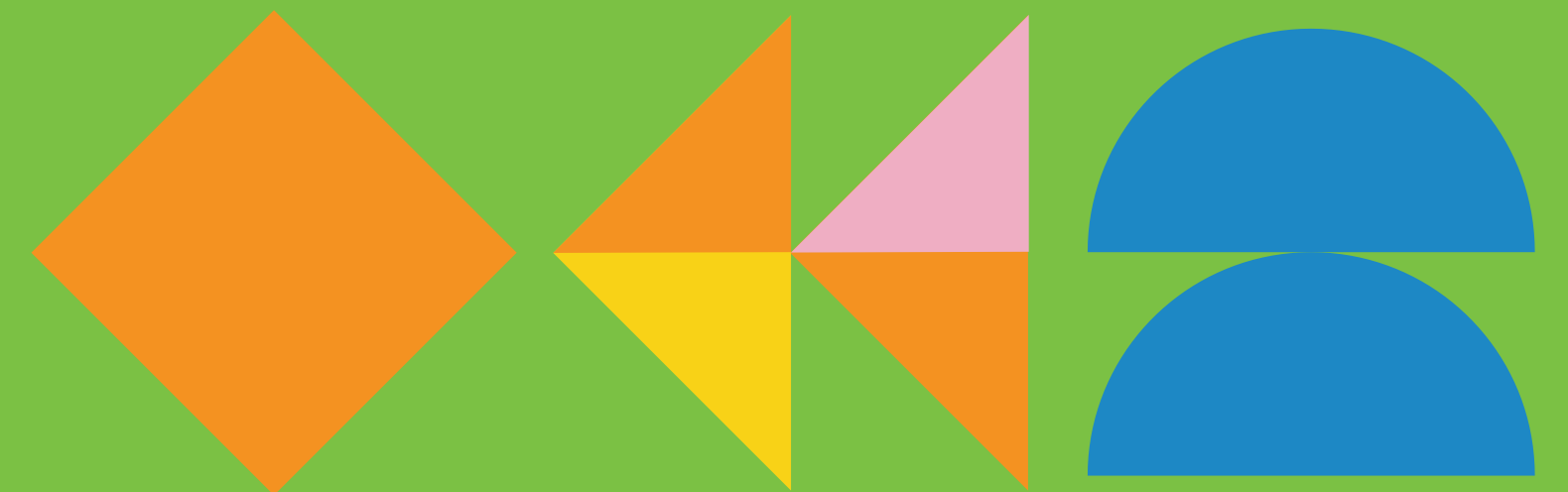
- Reach out if you need support
- Manage your online presence and social media privacy settings
- Report any undesirable behaviours to the online platform and the Returning Officer

❑ UNSW Counselling Services – 9385 5418

❑ Lifeline Australia – 13 11 14

❑ Beyond Blue – 1300 224 636

❑ NSW Mental Health Line – 1800 011 511



END OF SESSION

- Need more information?
- Unsure of any of the processes?
- Do you think there's been a breach?

CONTACT THE RETURNING OFFICER – PHIL BINNS

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