

Warning to all Election Candidates from the Deputy Returning Officer

It has been brought to my attention that some candidates have been accompanying students to polling stations, staying in the vicinity, and have been rude and failed to comply when asked by staff to leave.

I would like to remind all candidates of the following election rules:

6. Campaigning and Publicity

6.1 All candidates must follow the elections rules, and must behave in a respectful manner during all stages of the elections, and must not do anything that could undermine the free, fair and democratic running of the elections.

6.3 The following forms of campaigning are prohibited:

v) Campaigning in areas that have been specified as campaigning exclusion zones, including in the vicinity of polling stations, libraries and laboratories.

6.7 Candidates must not be present when students are voting, including when students are using mobile devices to vote.

Any candidate found to be attempting to influence a student to vote, apart from accepted campaigning activity, will be treated as being in breach of the election rules and dealt with accordingly.

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QMSU Deputy Returning Officer

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