

**NATIONAL UNION OF
GREEK AUSTRALIAN STUDENTS
(NUGAS)**

POLICY

**INTERNATIONAL
HELLENISM**

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Introduction

As the world grows ever increasingly smaller due to the Internet and cheaper costs/time associated with travelling abroad, the links between various countries and organisations grow increasingly stronger. This should be no more obvious than in an organisation such as the National Union of Greek-Australian Students, which shares cultural ties with both Greece and Australia.

It is important, therefore, that NUGAS take notice of this ever changing world and be a leader in prospering Hellenism on an international level.

Background

Many organisations around the world are of Hellenic origin, or maintain some level of cultural and physical ties with Greece. Some of these are broadening their horizons to include Greeks in the diaspora, such as SAE (World Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE -) and NEPOMAK (Neolaia Pankosmia Omospondia Apodhimon Kyprion - the World Organisation of Young Overseas Cypriots). NUGAS recognises the importance of organisations such as these, and feels that links between our organisation and theirs are of the highest importance.

However, there does not currently exist any such level of cohesion internationally for student based organisations, with many Hellenic Student Associations acting on their own even within their own countries and states – some without the knowledge that there is even other Greek Student Associations or Unions outside of their sphere of influence. Our aim is to bring together these associations, to increase awareness of each other and to share knowledge so that all such societies can prosper, no matter where they reside.

Proposals

NUGAS proposes:

- 1) To continually identify and maintain relationships with similar Hellenic Student Societies around the globe.
- 2) To form and help maintain the World Union of Hellenic Student Associations – an international federation of Greek students with other such Hellenic Student Clubs and Societies, as well as any Unions of Hellenic Student organisations.
- 3) To continue to foster and grow its relationships with organisations that are continuing to expand on the idea of International Hellenism, such as the World Council of Hellenes Abroad (SAE) and NEPOMAK
- 4) To actively seek out - and should there be none - attempt to establish affiliate programs for exchange students to Greece and other universities worldwide for its

members to help broaden cultural and political ties.

- 5) That NUGAS exchange information on its organisational structure, items of cultural and political significance (such as the Cyprus issue, See Policy on Cyprus) and events with other such Student-based Hellenic organisations, in order for both NUGAS and others to refine and gain ideas for more to enjoy all respective Greek Student Associations.
- 6) NUGAS should invite Hellenic Students around the globe to events on a National level, such as the National Convention and National Conference, and in turn attempt to send representatives to similar events held by other international organisations.
- 7) NUGAS will support any organisation with interests and objectives similar to its own, and where possible, provide support in the form of monetary aid or information to help those who are disadvantaged.