

# Australian National University investigation claims students performed Nazi salute and impersonated Hitler

Students at the prestigious Australian National University have been caught allegedly performing the Nazi salute and impersonations of Hitler during a union meeting prompting an internal investigation.

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The Australian National University leadership said it is investigating allegations pro-Palestinian students performed the Nazi salute along with gestures impersonating Hitler on Wednesday night.

The activists have been caught on camera making what appears to be Hitler impersonations in a meeting where Jewish students were fighting for their safety on campus.

Sky News obtained the exclusive videos that were captured at the student union Annual General Meeting at the Australian National University.

In the zoom meeting, Jewish students put forward a motion that said: "Jewish students have a right to belong to the ANU community."

It called for the student union to condemn Hamas and the hateful slogans and antisemitic hate speech that has been chanted on campus.

It also proposed that the student union should support a two-state-solution to end the conflict in the Middle East.

All of these points were struck down.

Multiple students claim that during the meeting they saw an activist doing what appeared to be the Nazi salute, which Sky News has blurred for legal reasons.

In other images, a student appears to impersonate the Hitler moustache.

It is a criminal offence to perform the Nazi salute in a public place in Australia.

ANU Chancellor, former Liberal Foreign Minister Julie Bishop, declined to respond to questions.

ANU's media team said they were aware of this alleged incident and had launched an investigation.

"ANU will investigate the incident in accordance with the University's existing processes and take appropriate action as required," their spokesperson said.

"To be clear, any racism or hate speech, including anti-Semitism, is unacceptable at ANU. The University acts swiftly if such behaviour occurs."

Jewish students at ANU have told Sky News of their distress and anxiety as harassment has escalated in the past week.