## <u> Khushaal Vyas – Bio</u>



Khushaal is a 4<sup>th</sup> year undergraduate student studying a Bachelor of Arts (Politics Major)/Law at the University of New South Wales. From a young age, Khushaal has been incredibly passionate and active in the social justice & community advocacy space.

In 2009, at 13 years old, he was the youngest ever member of his local council's Youth Advisory Committee and remained an active member until 2013. In this role, he helped to organise large youth consultation conferences, the Bring it On! Youth Festival (attended by over 10 000 annually) and was a key advocate for the Fairfield City

Youth and Community Centre subsequently built in 2015.

At university, Khushaal is the President of the UNSW Law Society; the largest university law student representative group in the nation, where he represents, advocates for and facilitates events which support and develop student members. Prior to this, he was Vice-President (Social Justice) where he co-founded a regional volunteer program to work with the Dubbo and Wiradjuri Community and mentor disadvantaged Indigenous children. He subsequently directed the award winning "Yindyamarra: A Documentary" which followed the volunteer trip. For his work on the Fairfield City Youth and Community Centre and Dubbo Volunteer program, Khushaal was awarded the NSW Premier's Multicultural Youth Medal which recognises the valuable role of a young person promoting intercultural dialogue and co-operation. Earlier this year he was also nominated for Australian Law Student of the Year and was the recipient of the Institute of Managers and Leaders 'Australian Student Leader of the Year' award.

Khushaal is also quite the talker, having been a State Champion and National Runner-Up in Public Speaking and awarded the Best Delegate for two consecutive years at the Asia-Pacific Model United Nations.

In his spare time, he's an AFL (Australian Football League) Sports Journalist with the Indian Link and loves a good game of squash.