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Professor Lorelle Burton is currently the Dean (Students) at the University of Southern Queensland (UniSQ) and a registered psychologist with more than 30 years' experience in the higher education sector. She has held a range of senior academic and executive leadership roles, including Associate Provost, and Dean and Head of School of the School of Psychology and Wellbeing at UniSQ.

Since late 2024, Professor Burton has served as Chair of the Student Voice Australasia Steering Committee, reflecting her strong commitment to student partnership, engagement, and sector-wide collaboration. She is the Immediate Past Chair of the national Heads of Departments and Schools of Psychology Association (HODSPA), having served on the executive for seven years.

Professor Burton has received numerous national teaching excellence awards, including an Australian Carrick Award, an Australian Citation for Teaching Excellence, and Australian Psychology Society awards for Early Career Teaching Excellence and Distinguished Contributions to Psychological Education. In 2023, she was awarded the Australian Psychological Society President's Award for Distinguished Contribution to Psychology in Australia.

Professor Burton has led multiple nationally funded research projects focused on student transition and success, served on national committees and boards, and is an invited assessor for national learning and teaching awards and grants. Her current research extends beyond academia to promote community-based learning and wellbeing, drawing on people's lived experiences and stories as powerful resources for strengthening communities and identifying new pathways to support wellbeing into the future.