

Student News



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Welcome to the first edition of Student News for 2023, Chloe! This week's edition is all about what's happening on campus in the lead up to Semester 1. We also have some exciting opportunities to share, like how to kick start your start-up idea and get involved in sustainability at Sydney, so jump right in!

This week's top stories

Don't miss the 2023 Welcome Ceremony

The official opening of Welcome Fest at 10 am on Wednesday 15 February will feature a line-up of special guests, including Dylan Alcott AO, Paralympian, motivational speaker and 2022 Australian of the year. In-person spots for the ceremony are limited, [register now](#).



Aussie artists take over the mainstage at Welcome Fest

We've been keeping a huge secret – some of Australia's best artists are set to grace the mainstage at [Welcome Fest, 15 – 17 February](#). Keep an eye on our Instagram



page ([@sydney_uni](#)) in the coming days to be among the first to know the line-up!

It's all about consent

It's up to all of us to create a culture of respect, safety and support.

Access resources about sexual consent and learn what support is available.

Information and support regarding Chinese Ministry for Education announcement

The Chinese Ministry for Education has announced that it will only acknowledge degrees awarded to students attending in-person classes from Semester 1 2023 onwards. [Learn more about the announcement.](#)

If you are unable to travel to Sydney, for example you have not yet received your visa or you are unable to book a flight, we recommend you keep all records of your attempts to make arrangements to resume on-campus study. If you are unable to study remotely in Semester 1 and unable to make it to Sydney, you may need to consider [suspending your studies](#) or [deferring your offer](#).

If you have not been able to arrive in Sydney and change your units to on campus offerings by the last day to add (Friday 3 March), we will provide you with a letter confirming that the University was unable to change your study mode to in-person. We can provide this to you after the census date.

We understand this sudden announcement may be stressful for some students – [the University is here to support you](#). For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, [visit our study information page](#).

Need to know

- If you are travelling from China, Hong Kong or Macau, you must provide evidence of a negative COVID-19 test taken in the last 48 hours before your scheduled departure date to Australia. [Learn more.](#)

- [Download the 2023 student wall calendar](#) (pdf, 102KB) to keep track of important dates and deadlines.
 - [Your class timetable](#) is now available on Sydney Timetable. You can [review and adjust your timetable](#) until Sunday 5 March.
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Event highlights

USU's Campus Race

Think you've got what it takes to be crowned Campus Race champion? [Register for this year's Campus Race](#), kicking off Thursday 9 February. You'll need to be a USU member to compete, so [sign up today for your free membership!](#)

SUDS Presents: StuJo! The Musical

Join SUDS in the Cellar Theatre from 8 – 11 February for [StuJo! The Musical](#), a production of song and dance that follows time travelling Honi editors from 1968. [Get tickets.](#)

Big Library Tour

Whether you're new to the Library or are a seasoned student, you're sure to learn something new at the [Big Library Tour](#) - happening all through February.

What's happening at Sydney

Welcome Hubs

Located in Carlaw West Learning Hub and Anderson Stuart Building, Welcome Hubs are the perfect place to chill out, meet other students, get information about activities on campus and seek advice from our Peer Support Advisors, who are also current students.

Carlaw West Welcome Hub and Anderson Stuart Welcome Hub are open Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm until 31 March.

Kick start your start-up idea

Do you have a start-up business idea? Bring it to life with [INCUBATE's pre-accelerator program](#), [ProtoX](#) – a 12-week program that offers 1:1 mentoring and goal-setting sessions, access to industry leaders, advisors and investors and a \$1,000 equity-free grant to kick start your business.

[Apply to join the program](#) before Friday 17 February. For any questions, email hello@incubate.com.au.

Give new life to your old bike

Want to give your old and unwanted bike new life? Head to the [Revolve Recycling](#) tent out front of Anderson Stuart Building during Welcome Fest (Wednesday 15 – Friday 17 February) to donate and save your bike from landfill.

Apply for the SEI's 2023 Honours Research Fellowship program

Applications for the Sydney Environment Institute's (SEI) Fellowship program are now open. The program is open to all students with an interest in multidisciplinary research in critical environmental issues. Applications close Wednesday 15 February. [Learn more about the Fellowship and how to apply.](#)

Get ready for Welcome

Our Welcome Program has officially kicked off - we can't wait to see you on campus soon! Want to find out more about what's on? Check out the full program.

Social shoutout

[@lucy.border.collie](#) is putting in the work and ready to get her degree!

Tag [@sydney_uni](#) or [#usyd](#) for your chance to be featured.

Don't forget to join us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [WeChat](#) to stay up-to-date on the latest news and events.



Student resources

[Student website](#) | [Canvas](#) | [myUni](#) | [Sydney Student](#) | [Key dates](#) | [Student life, wellbeing and support](#)

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