



## Upcoming industrial action on Thursday 9 March – what you need to know

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Dear students,

I hope you have had an enjoyable start to the semester. Unfortunately, I am writing to inform you that there may be some disruptions to your studies this week. The National Tertiary Education Union (NTEU) has voted to take industrial action as part of negotiations for a new staff Enterprise Agreement, with a 24-hour strike taking place on Thursday 9 March.

We understand that staff working conditions are student learning conditions, which is why we have proposed an agreement that will ensure University of Sydney staff remain the best paid in the sector, with leading conditions.

The University is doing all we can to minimise the impact of this strike on your learning, and most classes will be moved to online delivery. If your lecturer or tutor takes strike action, your classes may need to be rescheduled or cancelled. There is [more information about the planned industrial action on our website](#), and the latest updates will be sent to you via Canvas and your University email, so please make sure to check these regularly.

Unless you are required to attend campus in person, we recommend you study remotely for the day. All buildings including libraries will require swipe card access during industrial action, so if you intend to come to campus, please bring your student card with you. Essential student support including wellbeing and counselling services will continue to operate as usual.

If you need an alternate location to study or attend online classes, there are a number of libraries located near to campus in the [Inner West Council](#) and [City of Sydney Council](#) areas that you can access, as well as the [State Library of NSW](#).

Where classes are running, their normal attendance policies apply. Students who wish not to attend class or complete assessments on these dates should notify their unit of study coordinator as soon as possible in the usual way. Where possible, students will not be disadvantaged.

The safety and wellbeing of our community is our number one priority, and any forms of bullying or harassment, either on campus or online, will not be tolerated. If you have concerns for your safety or need to report an incident, you can contact Protective Services on +61 2 9351 3487. If it is an emergency, please contact triple zero (000). If you need health or wellbeing support, you can reach out to our [student wellbeing team](#) at any time.

If you come to campus, it's important to understand that protesters may speak to you at the picket lines about why they are striking, but it is unlawful for them to prevent access to campus spaces. If

you are unsure of what is acceptable picket line behaviour, you might like to read the [NTEU's Guidelines for Picketers \(PDF, 37KB\)](#). We expect everyone coming to campus to behave respectfully: any behaviour that jeopardises the safety or legal rights of others to access campus is unacceptable.

Regards,  
Annamarie

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