



## Update on police operation on our Camperdown Campus

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Dear students,

I wanted to write to you at the end of a testing and demanding day for our University community.

As I am sure you have seen, we had a critical incident this morning where one of our students was stabbed at our Camperdown campus.

We were all relieved to hear the student is in a stable condition in hospital, and the University has been in touch with his family and offered support.

The alleged assailant, a 14-year-old, is in police custody. He is known to police and government agencies. Police investigations are continuing, but at this stage we have been advised there is no reason to believe there is any connection between him and the University.

Our security team has worked closely with the police since the incident took place and were praised for the speed of their response this morning. I want to thank all who were in the vicinity for their actions as first responders to the very distressing situation.

In the police briefing this afternoon, they indicated there appeared to be no link to the encampment and they believed it was not a religiously motivated attack. It appears the alleged assailant was operating alone and police have advised there is no ongoing threat.

I am deeply shocked and saddened something like this has happened on our campus. It is a reminder that while tens of thousands of people gather safely together daily during semesters, we are not immune to the challenges our global community is facing.

Our top priority is the safety and wellbeing of our students and staff. Our Protective Services team is currently operating 24/7 and we have further increased security guards at all major entries to campus.

And we have additional support available for those who need it.

### **Support for students and special consideration**

[Student Wellbeing services](#) are free and confidential for all students and can be contacted 24/7. Student Wellbeing offer support in-person, online and over the phone. You can self-refer through the [health and wellbeing webpage](#), by phoning +61 2 8627 8433 or attending in person. Student Wellbeing is open from 9 am until 5pm, and is located on Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building, 160 City Rd, Darlingtown NSW 2008.

If today's events have impacted your studies, [special consideration and arrangements](#) are

available to you. If you wish to apply, please submit a [student declaration \(docx, 51.5KB\)](#) as your supporting document.

### **Other community supports available**

24-hour support is also available from [Lifeline](#) via text, online chat, or by calling 13 11 14.

The Department of Communities and Justice has contacted the University to provide support for those impacted by an act of violence through its Victims Support Scheme, including counselling services for witnesses. More information is available on the [Victims Support Scheme website](#), by email at [vs@dcj.nsw.gov.au](mailto:vs@dcj.nsw.gov.au) or by calling the Victims Access Line on 1800 633 063 from 9 am to 5 pm, Monday to Friday.

I encourage you to make use of the support available and remember you are not alone.

Kind regards,  
Mark

**Professor Mark Scott**  
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