

# Student News



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## All teaching and learning to be delivered online

On Tuesday the Vice-Chancellor announced that from Monday 23 March there will be no face-to-face teaching on campus. All teaching and learning will be delivered online. The only exception is for a small number of [clinical placements and workshops](#), for which social distancing and health precautions will be in place. [Read the VC's email to all students.](#)

Have a question? Check our [frequently asked questions](#) for more information.

## International students – what does online study mean for me?

- The change to online study **will not** impact compliance with your student visa conditions.
- Students who are currently located outside of Australia can continue with online study for the remainder of Semester 1, 2020.
- The University **does not** advise students to travel overseas to continue their studies remotely from their home, or a third country.  
With global travel restrictions changing rapidly at the moment, it may be difficult to return to Australia for Semester 2. We can't guarantee that students will be covered by insurance, and access to online course content from other countries may be limited due to varied internet restrictions in different countries.
- Each unit of study will have online arrangements in place – check your Canvas pages and student email for details.

- The University will continue to provide lots of support for you, whether you are studying overseas, or in Australia.
  - The University has established a peer support advising program for students who have questions about COVID-19 and impacts to their studies. From Monday, 23 March, you can contact our peer support advisors between 12pm and 7pm. [Please complete this form](#) and you'll receive a response to your enquiry after the program commences.
  - **Sonder app:** If you have [OSHC cover](#) with Allianz, you may be eligible to access Sonder, a health and wellbeing app with specialist COVID support and more.
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## Get connected for online study

As the University moves to online study, we want to make sure you have the tools and support to continue your studies, no matter where you are.

- **Confused by Canvas?**

If you aren't already making the most of Canvas, now is the time to log in and learn about the essential platform that is at the heart of the online learning experience. It's also where you'll find out about your unit's online arrangements. [Here's how to get started](#).

- **How to study successfully off-campus**

To get you started, we've pulled together [six tips to help set you up](#) for studying online, from livestream etiquette to creating a daily routine.

- **Prepare your personal remote classroom**

What apps will you need? How will you use them? What happens if you encounter an issue? Answer: Search the ICT [Knowledge Base](#).

- **What about my exams?**

Assessments and examinations will also be conducted online. Details will be updated on the Canvas page for your units of study shortly.

- **Learning off campus: a guide**

Follow our [guide in Canvas](#) for simple info about how to keep up with your studies, tune in to livestreams and communicate with your teachers and classmates.

- **All about Zoom**

Never used [Zoom](#) before? Here are some student-specific tips for the online meeting software you'll use to join the virtual classroom.

- **We're still here to support you**

You might not be on campus, but support will be in reach. If you have any enquiries or just need to talk to someone in the midst of these challenging times, [we're here to help](#).

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## Notices

- The last date to [withdraw from units of study](#) without financial penalty is Tuesday 31 March. From next week, you'll receive an email which confirms your current enrolment status and provides information on what to do if you need to make any changes to finalise your enrolment before census date.
  - Make sure your contact details, including your Australian phone number, are up to date, so we are able to get in touch if needed. You can update your contact details at any time in [Sydney Student](#) (go to 'My details', then 'Address and residency').
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## What's open on campus?

It's important to know that it's still safe to come to campus, with social distancing measures in effect. Our wifi and study spaces are available for those that need to use them.



**Food and shops:** Most USU outlets including Courtyard, Fisher Kiosk, and the Wentworth and Manning food courts will remain open on weekdays, with increased hygiene and cleaning measures in place. International Student Lounge and the ISL Student Info Hubs are now closed. Check the [USU website](#) for the latest updates.

**Libraries:** Fisher, Law, the Quarter, and Camden Commons libraries will be open 24 hours with swipe access if you need a quiet study space and a wi-fi connection, and will be set up for social distancing. The Library's [online collection](#) of over 1 million ejournals and eBooks is available 24/7 from any global location. The online help service, [Chat Now](#), immediately connects you with a Library staff member and is available 8am to 10pm for resources and study assistance. Check the [Library website](#) for updates on adjustments to opening hours.

**Sport and fitness:** Sydney University Sports & Aquatic Centre will remain open at reduced hours. Arena Sports Centre and The Ledge Climbing Centre are both closed until further notice, and all sporting competitions and programs have been cancelled. [Visit their website](#) for further updates.

Please continue to check the [website](#) for updates on campus operations.

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## Connect with us



### Insta of the week

Thanks to [@wheyoverbae](#) for this great pic of our students studying alone, together **#usydfromhome**

Show us what your **#usydfromhome** set-up looks like using the hashtag and follow us at [@sydney\\_uni](#) to stay connected.



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