

# Student News



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## Best of #usydonline

Check out some of our 2nd year Health and Physical Education students [embracing #usydonline](#) in their 8am lecture!

Think your class can beat this? Share your online learning experience with us using the tag [#usydonline](#).



## What's happening with assessments and exams?

Just as teaching has moved online, you will also complete assessments and exams online for the majority of Units of Study this semester. Information for most units will be made available by this Friday 27 March, on Canvas and in unit of study outlines.

- Tests and exams will either be changed to an online proctored (supervised) test or exam, or another type of assessment, such as a take home exam or Canvas quiz.
- The University will use ProctorU, specialist software to conduct tests and exams online.
- To set this up remotely, simply enrol in the [Taking online tests](#) Canvas site and follow the steps. Add this site to your Dashboard for easy reference. Just click 'Join this Course' on the homepage and follow the steps.
- Special arrangements, including deferral of assessment, will apply for some clinical, studio, laboratory, placement and performance examinations.
- All assessments will proceed as determined by your unit coordinators and unit of study outlines are being updated to reflect these by the end of the week. If you are sitting a mid-semester or in-semester test or exam you will also be notified about this through Canvas.
- Contact your unit of study co-ordinators if you have any questions.

Continue to refer to our dedicated [COVID-19 webpages](#) for the latest updates and we wish you all the best of luck with your upcoming assessments.

## Census date – 31 March

Make sure you finalise your enrolment by Tuesday 31 March, the last date to suspend or withdraw from a unit without financial or academic penalty.

- For more information about online study and course progression, check the [FAQs](#) on our website and keep an eye on your student email for information relevant to you.
  - For help using Canvas – follow our [student guide](#).
  - For units that involve clinical placements and rotations, please check your unit of study page in Canvas for more detail.
  - If you are experiencing issues applying for a suspension of your studies, [refer to online information](#) for some further instructions.
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## Updates for international students

### Will my qualification be recognised by the Chinese Government if I study online?

We've received confirmation from Chinese Service Center for Scholarly Exchange (CSCSE) officials that qualifications would be recognised for online studies, provided students are currently enrolled at the University and their studies have been disrupted by COVID-19.

Students are advised to maintain records of their communication with the University to provide to CSCSE that verifies that they have been impacted by the COVID-19 situation.

### Get COVID-19 support through Sonder

Do you have Overseas Student Health Cover with Allianz? You may be eligible for Sonder – a specialist support app for international students. [Check the website for more information](#).

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## How to create your study-from-home workspace

We're all spending a lot more time at our desks so it's important to [set up your study space](#) with all the essentials. Share yours with us on social using the hashtag **#usydonline**.



## Notices

- Don't forget to complete the compulsory [Academic Honesty](#) education module in Canvas by Tuesday 31 March.
  - The deadline to complete the [Consent Matters](#) module has been extended for all students to Week 10 (Friday 24 April).
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## Stay connected

### What's happening on campus?

While everyone does their bit to help the community efforts to reduce the threat of COVID-19, some services on campus remain open for those who need them.

- **Library closures:** Last night the Prime Minister announced further restrictions to help stop the spread of COVID-19. Unfortunately this means we must close the University Library spaces from 6pm tonight. The Library's live online support for research and study, [Chat Now](#) will remain available Monday to Thursday 8am–10pm, and Friday 8am–8pm. Read the [Vice-Chancellor's email](#) for more information.
- We have several spaces on our campuses that will be available 24/7 for students who would like to study on campus and access our Wi-Fi network. [Visit our website](#) for more information.
- The Student Centre will be closed for in-person enquiries from Thursday 26 March, but you can still get in touch by phone or by [making an online enquiry](#).
- USU outlets including Courtyard, Fisher Kiosk, Abercrombie Terrace and Laneway are offering takeaway service. [Check the USU website](#) for the latest updates.
- All SUSF facilities are closed until further notice. [Read their update for members](#).

[Check our website](#) regularly for updates to campus operations.

### Sydney Ideas podcast: Mental Health and COVID-19

- It's an uncertain time. People are anxious. So, how do we communicate and channel our anxiety to respond productively? [Listen to the podcast](#) with Professor Ian Hickie, co-director of the Brain and Mind Centre.
- If you need to speak to someone, the [Mental Wellbeing Support Line](#) is available 24/7 for wellbeing support and advice.

### Sydney Uni research models how social distancing could curb COVID-19

- A University of Sydney data study has found that social distancing could reduce the spread of COVID-19 in 13 weeks if adopted by at least 80 percent of the Australian population. [Read more about the research study.](#)

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## Vice-Chancellor Zooms a thank you message to the University community

In the new world of online study, it's important that we stay connected and part of the **#usydonline** community.



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