

Student News



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Support for students

We understand it's a difficult time for students as we all face new challenges. Whether you need financial assistance, don't have the necessary equipment to study from home or you're in a vulnerable situation, the University is here to help you in any way we can.

Available support includes:

- [Bursaries and interest free loans](#) to help ease financial strains for domestic and international students.
- [Computer and laptop loans](#) for those who don't have their own.
- [Telecounselling appointments](#) in your own home via phone or Zoom meeting. To make an appointment, call 8627 8433 or complete the [CAPS booking form](#).
- [Student Liaison Officers](#) can provide specialist support and case management for anyone who has experienced incidents such as sexual assault, sexual harassment, domestic/family violence, bullying or harassment.
- [Peer support advisors](#) who are students trained to help you find the right answers to your questions and assist with any queries about the impacts of COVID-19 on your studies.
- If you're an international student with Overseas Student Health Cover insurance provided by Allianz, you may be eligible to access [Sonder](#), a specialist support app to help you during this difficult time

Visit our [COVID-19 support page](#) for more information.

Coffee and Zoom with the Library

Need some study from home motivation? Get comfy, grab a coffee or cuppa, and join the Library's Peer Learning Advisors (PLAs) for a [chat from home via Zoom](#) every Monday and Wednesday from 3–4pm. They'll cover a different topic each week and help answer your questions about online study. [Register here](#).



Online tests and exams

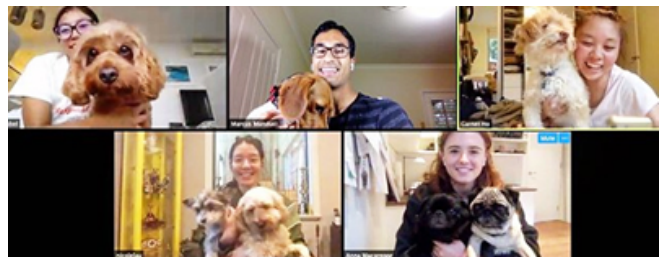
Mid-semester exams are upon us, and the University has moved to online tests and exams with students' safety and privacy rights at the forefront. Read our [FAQs about privacy and security](#) in relation to how the University will run online tests with ProctorU, including what software needs to be installed and why, and what information is collected and used for what purpose.

What if I don't have a computer or laptop?

If you don't have access to a computer to complete your online proctored tests and exams, we have a limited number of on campus computers available to use safely within our teaching rooms. Find out more about [booking a computer for your exam](#).

What's happening in #usydonline?

This week we've had students and academics taking over our channels to share their online study tips, with plenty of guest features from furry friends! [Follow and share](#) your #usydonline experience.



Notices

- Due to COVID-19, Student Centre processing times may be longer than usual. If you submitted a suspension or withdrawal request before midnight 31 March, it will be processed as effective from the census date and you will not be disadvantaged by any delay in processing time. You don't need to contact the Student Centre again until you receive confirmation.
 - The campus is currently operating in after-hours mode. If you are on campus to access study spaces or facilities, you will need to use your student card for access. Please [contact Campus Assist](#) if you have any access issues.
 - [Hardship funding](#) is available to support international students affected by travel restrictions. Please use the [online form](#) to register your interest by 11.59pm (AEST) on Monday 6 April.
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Nominate for USU board!

The USU is looking for five enthusiastic students who are passionate about contributing to the best university experience to serve as Board Directors for two years.

[Election nominations are now open.](#)



Thinking of getting on board but not sure what's involved? [Join the online info session](#) at 1pm on Friday 3 April, which will be followed by a women's mentoring session.



Stay connected

Free access to Adobe Creative Cloud apps

- To help you study away from campus (and release some artistic flair in your downtime!) Adobe Creative Cloud apps are now free to access using your Unikey and available on any device. Find out how to [access these online apps](#).

Effective mindsets during COVID-19

- What happens to your mindset when you read all the negative stories in the media? And what happens when you think about the kind neighbour who leaves a note asking if anyone needs help? Find out about the importance of our mindsets in this [online meeting on 15 April](#).

Make research a breeze with Lean Library

- Lean Library is a browser extension for Google Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Opera that makes it easier to access electronic resource content subscribed by The University of Sydney Library. Find out how to [install the extension](#).

Health support: Zoom into a drop in centre

- The Peer Health Educators are providing a virtual safe space for you to chat to other students and talk about looking after yourselves on Tuesday 7 April at 12pm. [Join the meeting on Zoom](#).

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Adam Spencer checks in

It's not an April Fool's joke! USYD alumnus, comedian and maths mastermind [Adam Spencer shared a message](#) of support with our student community. His tips?

- Remember it's not forever – we'll get through this
- Use the extra time to get on top of your studies
- Stay connected – you're part of a community and we're in it together.



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