

Student News



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What to do this mid-semester break

Next week is mid-semester break; classes will resume on Monday 20 April. Make sure you stay at home, and put aside time to relax and recharge. Not sure how? [We've got some ideas.](#)



No-disadvantage assessments

The University has adopted a 'no-disadvantage' position on assessment that is transparent, fair and supports academic progression. These provisions include revised special consideration arrangements and a COVID-adjusted WAM to be included on final transcripts. Find out more on our [website](#).

Notices

- The Australian Government has introduced a number of new support options and amendments to existing payments to support those struggling due to the impacts of COVID-19. If you're unsure whether you're eligible for financial support, use the [Payment and Services Finder](#).
- Looking for a bite on campus? Uni Bros, Subway (Wentworth Building) and Zibellis (Manning House) remain open, in addition to USU outlets Footbridge Station (Holme Building), Snack Express (Wentworth Food Court) and USYD Store (JFR). [Check the website](#) for the latest updates.
- The responsibilities and expectations of the [Student Charter](#) apply to all activities conducted as a student, whether you're in a physical classroom or an online class. Make sure you're

aware of what this means for you.

- Be aware of security when setting up Zoom meetings, especially if it's public or has a large number of participants. Set a password on your Zoom session to register participants or use a waiting room to ensure you let in only the intended guests. Find out more about creating [secure Zoom meetings](#).

Online exams and your privacy – a message from the Deputy-Vice-Chancellor (Education)

As mid-semester exams and assessments take place, we have seen some students and staff express concerns over privacy and the use of the online proctoring service, ProctorU. We understand these concerns and I would like to assure you that the University takes your privacy and information security very seriously. We have been working closely with ProctorU over the past couple of weeks to ensure that the terms of our agreement with them has strict regulation on what information is collected and for what purpose when our students use their software for online examinations.

For up-to-date details, please refer to our [comprehensive FAQs on Canvas](#). This page has the correct information about the privacy and security terms specific to our agreement with ProctorU.

The move to a new, online exam environment has been a challenge, but we are confident that the mid-semester exam and test period will continue with minimal disruption. I wish you all the best of luck in your upcoming assessments.

Professor Pip Pattison AO
Deputy-Vice-Chancellor (Education)



Stay connected

How to stay in touch with your friends

- Physical distancing doesn't mean you need to cut yourself off from a social life. We've put together some ways to help you [stay connected in isolation](#).

Cooking on a budget

- Are you spending all your money on Uber Eats? Join Virginia and Helen, qualified dieticians and current PhD students studying nutrition, for an interactive online workshop

on Wednesday 15 April to learn how to cook easy, quick and nutritious meals that won't break your budget. [Register now](#).

Aussie Slang Trivia Night

- Are you an international student and sometimes wonder if Australians really do speak English?! Test your knowledge of Aussie slang with a trivia night from the comfort of your own home on Thursday 16 April. [Register now](#).

Get published in the 2020 Student Anthology

- With so much free time, why not get creative and submit to the University's Student Anthology? Submit up to 5000 words of prose, five poems or five artistic pieces that show what climate change means to you. [Submit your work](#).

Chat Now hours extended!

- Need help finding research material for an assignment? Good news – the Library's online [chat service](#) is now available on weekends from 10am to 2pm in addition to the normal weekday hours (excluding Good Friday, Easter Sunday and ANZAC Day).

Welfare and support for international students

Study NSW have put together a hub of support for international students, including emergency food assistance, legal advice, government support and more. [Visit the Welfare Hub](#).

Are you an international student wanting to know more about your work rights in Australia? [Register for a special webinar](#) with the Fair Work Ombudsman about international student work rights during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Best of #usydonline

Psychology PhD candidate Rhianne shares her [tips for managing anxiety](#) during these uncertain times.

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