

Student News



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A message from the Vice-Chancellor: Reflections as National Reconciliation Week draws to a close

Many of us across Australia and the world have been saddened and alarmed in recent days by the events unfolding in the United States. While the protests there are inevitably the product of local conditions, they have resonated beyond US borders. Racism is not an issue confined to the US but is something that affects the lives of many people in Australia, including many staff and students here at the University.

This past week we participated in National Reconciliation Week as a community. As well as celebrating the rich culture, history and knowledge of our First Peoples, we have also reflected on how we can respond to the injustices they experience. For Australians, there is urgency, in partnership with Indigenous Australia, to address the reduced life expectancy of Indigenous people; their increased likelihood of experiencing poor health, poverty and a lower standard of education; and the disproportionately high levels of incarceration and deaths in custody in Indigenous communities. Although we have seen improvement in many of these areas, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians continue to face discrimination on both an institutional and interpersonal level.

Read the full statement from the Vice-Chancellor.

What you need to know about end of semester exams

[Make sure you're up to date](#) about how end of semester exams will work. Find out about accessing your proctored exam, booking an exam space on campus, special consideration and where to go if you have technical issues.



Coffee carts are back!

USU outlets Coffee @ Fisher (Fisher Café) and Manning Milk Bar are now open weekdays from 8am to 3pm, for all your coffee and study snack needs.

Keep an eye out for Student News next week for more information about on campus spaces and services.

Free food hampers for international students

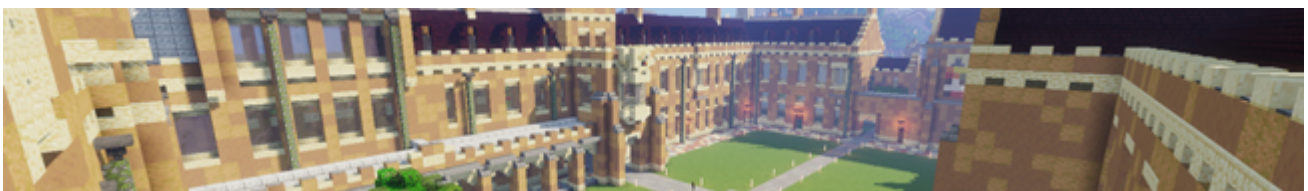
Each week, OzHarvest is providing a limited number of food relief hampers at various collection points round the city. [Visit the website](#) to register for a hamper.



For more international student support, including financial bursaries and peer support advisors, [visit the website](#).

Notices

- The University will contact you by email if we need to get in touch regarding important notifications about your studies, such as scheduling exams, graduation or outstanding fees. If there is an urgent, important action required from you, we may contact you at the personal email address you provided when you enrolled. All official correspondence will still be sent to your University student email account, so it's important you check this regularly. [Find out how to update your contact details](#).
 - [Provide some insight](#) on your student experience over a quick video chat and receive a \$50 gift voucher for your time. Your feedback will help us improve the online experience.
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Stay connected

Get motivated for exams

- Need some positivity, a puzzle break or motivation to keep studying? Visit the [Exam Ready hub](#) for everything you need to get you through exams.

Download My Legal Mate

- My Legal Mate is a multilingual app to help international students with legal issues relating to employment, housing, sexual assault and more. [Apply for free access through the NSW Government](#).

Invent the future in Semester 2

- Inventing the Future is a team-based, interdisciplinary innovation program that can be taken for credit. This year, the challenge is to imagine how the world could be better after the two biggest challenges of 2020: bushfires and Covid-19. [Find out more about Semester 2 applications](#).

Visit the Quad – virtually!

- If you're missing campus, jump online and take a tour of the Minecraft Society's very own Quad on the Server. If you're feeling creative, you can even help them as they build the rest of the uni. [Visit the Facebook page](#) to get involved.

My journey through COVID-19: Challenges and innovation during times of rapid disruption

- In a time of rapid disruption, how can we evolve and remain relevant? In this [series of webinars](#), our alumni discuss how their businesses have adapted and share their predications for the post-pandemic future.

How students and staff are thriving through the pandemic

Despite the challenges of the coronavirus outbreak, our students and staff are continuing to collaborate with social entrepreneurs to help [solve real-world business problems](#).



Best of #usydonline

Meet Vikki Qin, Bachelor of Economics (Financial Economics and International Business) student and USU Board Director.



How do you stay motivated?

'To start off, I set myself realistic goal each day. "Realistic goals" can be different for everyone, but for myself, I try not to plan to complete over 5 tasks each day.'

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