

Student News



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Classes and COVID-safety: what you need to know

Classes for Semester 2 are back next week, both online and in person. If you're returning for in-person classes, there are some important rules to remember to keep our community COVID-safe. While we can't wait to see students back on our campuses, things will be a little different than when we left. [Read up on everything you need to know about attending classes in the time of COVID-19.](#)

You return to campus checklist

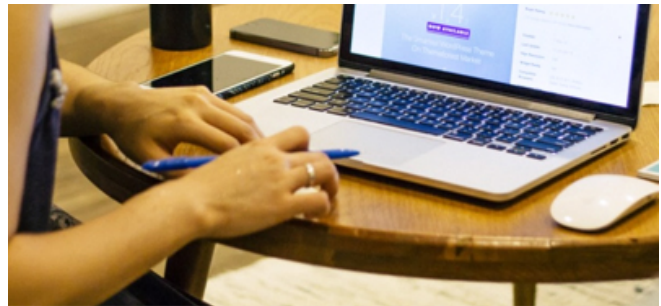
- ☒ Stay 1.5 metres away from others and avoid crowding walkways and entrances
- ☒ Wash your hands regularly
- ☒ If you feel sick, stay home and get tested
- ☒ Bring your student card with you to tap in to buildings
- ☒ Check your class location on the [campus maps](#) so you can arrive on time
- ☒ Wipe your desk before you use it
- ☒ Listen carefully and follow any instructions from your lecturer or tutor

Selecting online classes in your timetable

We understand that some students are experiencing issues with their timetable, including being allocated to an on-campus class when you are unable to come to campus. Please be assured that you do not need to come to campus if you are unable to attend in person, and you can change to an online class in your timetable. [Visit the website](#) to find out how to update units in your timetable to online or in-person classes, depending on your circumstances.

How to get ready for online study

To help you adapt to online learning, the University is presenting a series of Online Study Tips workshops over the next three weeks. We've gathered some [tips from these sessions](#) to help get you started.



What's open on campus?

- Good news if you've been dreaming about campus coffee. Many of our campus outlets and spaces have reopened, with physical distancing measures in place. For information about outlets and opening hours visit the [USU website](#).
 - From Monday 24 August, the Library will be increasing services and opening more locations. Fisher and Law libraries will be open 24/7 and Live Chat will be available into the evening hours during the week to help with your library-related questions. Find out more about opening hours and services on the [Library website](#).
 - A number of spaces are also available for students who need to study or participate in online classes while on campus. Find out more about available [study desks and spaces](#) and how to make a booking in advance.
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Support for international students

We're committed to doing all we can to help our students, whether you're in Sydney or studying remotely. A range of support is available for students in need, including:

- The [International Student Welfare Services Hub](#), which connect students with organisations and community services providing support such as free food hampers, mental health support and emergency assistance.

- The [International Student COVID-19 Crisis Accommodation Scheme](#) is a NSW Government initiative funding up to 20 weeks' of free accommodation for vulnerable international students in NSW during the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- If you're experiencing financial difficulty, you can [apply for a general bursary](#). A bursary is a type of scholarship awarded on the basis of financial need, intended to help cover essential living and study expenses.

Find out more about the [support options](#) available to you.

Notices

- Come along to a positive chat hosted by youth mental health organisation batyr, about how you can take charge of your mental health in Semester 2. [Attend the online event on Wednesday 16 August](#).
 - The University is seeking expressions of interest from student representatives to join the Disability Inclusion Action Plan (DIAP) Implementation Group. To get involved, [complete the application form by Monday 24 August](#).
 - The SSEAC COVID-19 Grant Scheme supports engagement with Southeast Asia through funding support for research and language study. Take a look at the four types of grants available and [apply by 11 September](#).
 - How do you feel about entrepreneurship at the University of Sydney? [Provide some insight on your aspirations and thoughts](#) to help shape our plans in this space.
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