

# Student News



27 August 2020

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COVID-19 updates: safety on campus

## University commits to further action on climate change and sustainability

Climate change and sustainability are among the world's greatest challenges. To contribute to a more sustainable future, the University is making a commitment to action on climate change and publishing [a new sustainability strategy](#).



Register to attend an [online panel discussion](#) on Wednesday 9 September from 11am to 12pm to find out more about how we're bringing sustainability to life at Sydney.

## Grab some mates and step up for September

Have fun, get active and improve the lives of those with cerebral palsy. Find a team of four and do 10,000 steps a day for a month. [Register now](#) using the free registration code **USYD2020**.



Don't have a team? Sign up as an individual and email us at [safety.wellbeing@sydney.edu.au](mailto:safety.wellbeing@sydney.edu.au) with your name and SID and we'll assign you to a team with three new friends. It's a fun way to connect with students in Sydney and around the world, go on physically distanced or virtual walks together and keep each other motivated. And all for a great cause!

## Quaranteams trivia

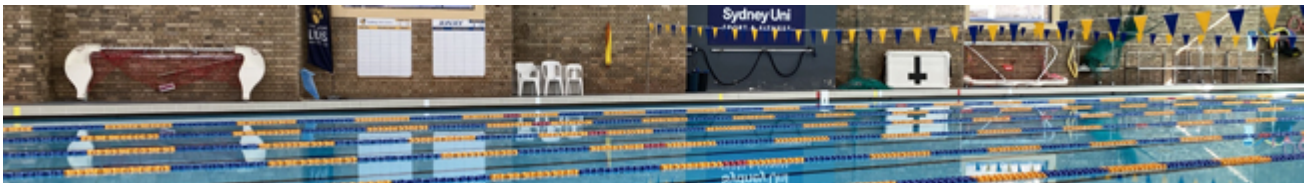
Take a virtual trip around the globe as you compete in teams to win prizes on Thursday 10 September. Test your knowledge of pop culture, history, travel destinations, language and customs in a fun and social way, from the comfort of your own home. [Register now](#).



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## Notices

- New students – make sure you complete the compulsory [Consent Matters](#) and [Academic Honesty](#) education modules in Canvas by Monday 28 September.
- If you have classes on campus, don't forget to bring your student card with you. As a safety precaution, all students need to individually tap-in using your card when you enter a building. For more information about COVID-safety on campus, [visit the website](#).
- Join the University community in celebrating and showing support for LGBTIQ+ people on [Wear it Purple Day](#) this Friday 28 August.



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## Stay connected

### Semester 2 and summer gym pass

- Have it all for the long haul with SUSF's [Semester 2 and Summer gym pass](#). Purchase before 6 September and enjoy complete access to facilities up until the start of Semester 1, 2021.

### Celebrate Social Sciences Week 2020

- Join us this [Social Sciences Week](#) from 7 to 11 September, as our experts address the most pressing social challenges of the 21st century, from social inequality to building an ethical and sustainable future for all species.

### Learn water safety skills for free

- Free for all Sydney Uni students this semester, learn basic water skills, stroke and water survival skills with SUSF's [Water Safety Program](#).

### Last chance to apply for the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship

- Planning to start a postgraduate degree next year? Applications close Wednesday 2 September for the [Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship](#), which offers financial support of up to \$120,000 and a dedicated development program.

### Conversational English workshops

- The Speak and Connect program is a series of six free conversational workshops designed to help you meet new friends, practise and develop your English language and communication skills, and give you lots of useful tips and strategies for connecting at university. [The program starts from 31 August – register now](#).

### Join Coding Fest 2020 online

- Come along to be amazed and inspired by what coding can do with showcase projects, enjoy the fun of Amazon Web Service AI-powered DeepRacer challenge, and know more about a career in cloud computing. [Registrations are open until Friday 4 September](#).

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## Have your say

The University is looking at changing the calendar for our semesters. It is proposed that each semester will comprise: Welcome Week + 12 weeks of class contact + mid-semester break + STUVAC week + 2-week exam period (17 weeks in all). This will reduce the class contact by one week and bring it into line with other universities.

We want to hear from you how this might affect you, the good and the bad, so we can make it work for everyone. You will receive an email invitation from the Platos platform on Monday morning and you can use the link to register and have your say.

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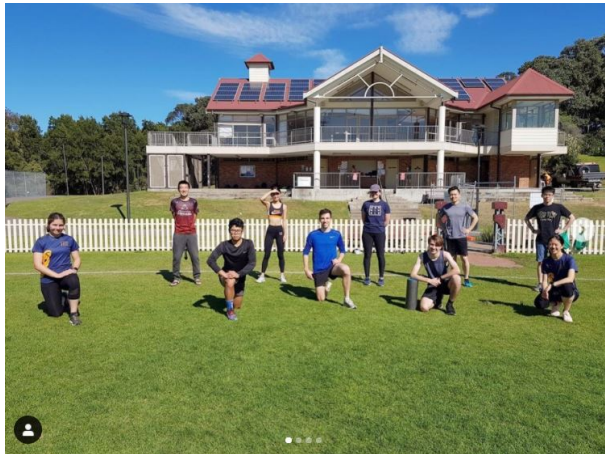
## Upcoming online sessions to improve your skills

- Friday 28 August: [Discover: Notetaking](#)
- Friday 28 August: [International student drop-in session](#)
- Tuesday 1 September: [Online Study Tips: Navigating your online classroom](#)
- Tuesday 1 September: [Get it write workshop – What do I need to know about including sources in my writing?](#)
- Thursday 3 September: [Online Study Tips: Managing stress and motivation](#)

## Protect yourself and know your rights

Are you an international student and not sure what your rights are under Australian law? Do you know where to go within the University or the wider community if you need help with personal safety or legal matters? Join us for an interactive webinar with key experts who will help you understand your rights and provide information on how to stay safe.

- [Part 1: 4pm, Thursday 27 August](#)
  - [Part 2: 4pm, Wednesday 2 September](#)
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## Best of #usydonline

[@usydrunclub](#) are back for Semester 2 and as active as ever! It's great to see so many of our USU clubs and societies making the most of in-person and virtual events.

Use [#usydonline](#), or tag [@sydney\\_uni](#) for your chance to be featured.



Be virtually welcomed with the USU's Welcome Fest – [watch the recording](#) of the livestream to see a showcase reel of student clubs and societies.

Keen to get involved? Browse clubs and societies, join online and chat to fellow members using the [new virtual platform](#).

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