

Student News



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COVID-19 updates: safety on campus

Sydney Uni continues its rise in latest global rankings

The University has shot up nine places to 51st in the world and second in Australia in the [Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2021](#), underpinned by excellent teaching reputation, research performance and an increase in academic citations.



R U OK? Day

Next Thursday 10 September is R U OK? Day, with events across the uni happening from next week. A peer-led workshop will teach you the top ten tips for looking after yourself and others at uni, say hello to the furry friends from Therapaws and calm your mind with a mindfulness session. [Check out all the events and register now.](#)

RUOK?™ DAY

There's more to say after R U OK
10 September 2020

If you're an international student, don't miss the new 5-part [wellness webinar series](#), which explores key health topics to help you take charge of your wellbeing in 2020.



Celebrating USU Wellness Week online

Tuesday 8 – Thursday 10 September

Take a study break and enjoy a range of fun online workouts, try our colouring book and learn how to DIY your own face masks, plus a whole lot more.

Notices

- You can now select which pronouns to use in your Canvas account. Personal pronouns are displayed after your name in comments, discussion fields, your profile and other places where your name is displayed. [Visit the student guide](#) to find out how to select your pronouns.
- A member of the public who has since tested positive for COVID-19 [briefly visited the Carslaw Building](#) between 8 and 8.10pm on Friday 28 August.
- It is important to make sure you never share your UniKey and password. Your UniKey protects your personal and financial information, academic results, access to change your enrolment details and any health information you might have shared with the University. Find out more about [keeping your information safe](#).
- If you're considering further HDR study, please note new Research Training Program (RTP) stipend scholarship cut-off dates for commencement in the first half of 2021. International students must apply by 30th September and domestic students by the 4th of December. If you are currently enrolled in an Honours year please submit your application and you will be assessed once your final academic transcript is available. If you have questions, [register for the upcoming webinar](#).
- New students – make sure you complete the compulsory [Consent Matters](#) and [Academic Honesty](#) education modules in Canvas by Monday 28 September.

The winners of the 2020 Student Innovation Challenge announced

[Meet the student entrepreneurs](#) who are designing solutions to real world problems, such as technologies to help city planners track traffic, prevent diabetes-induced



blindness and provide women with clear pathways into STEM careers.



Stay connected

Exchange a language with a new friend

- Struggling to pass that Spanish assignment? Brushing up on your English skills? Ready to give Mandarin a crack? Apply to the USU's popular [Language Exchange program](#) to swap languages and make friends with people from all over the world.

Make the world your campus in 2021

- Join Sydney Abroad for their new [Information Session Series](#) running over Semester 2. With global exchange and study abroad programs temporarily grounded, now is the best time to explore and plan for an international experience during your course. Attend and ask Sydney Abroad advisers on how you can make the world your campus in 2021.

Nominations open soon for student elections

- Nominations open on Monday 7 September for the student elections to Senate, Academic Board, Faculty Board, University School Board, Faculty and University School. For a list of all positions available, key dates and the nominations process see the [Student Elections webpage](#). Any enquiries should be directed to secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au

Join the Student Academic Panel

- Applications to join the Student Academic Panel, the pool of students and staff who decide on appeals against academic decisions, are open until Wednesday 23 September. [Find out how to apply](#).

Bringing sustainability to life at Sydney

- [Join an online panel discussion](#) on Wednesday 9 September from 11am to 12pm to find out more about the University's new sustainability strategy and what we'll be doing through our research, education and the way we operate to be a more sustainable university.

Upcoming events

- **Monday 7 September:** [Sydney Ideas: Raising the age of criminal responsibility](#)
 - **Tuesday 8 September:** [Online Study Tips: Managing stress and motivation](#)
 - **Wednesday 9 September:** [From Pompeii to Tharros – Finding new ways to excavate and understand the making of Roman urban neighbourhoods](#)
 - **Thursday 10 September:** [Coffee in the cloud](#)
 - **Friday 11 September:** [Singapore's GE2020: The real watershed election?](#)
 - **21 – 25 September:** [Further Studies Week](#)
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Best of #usydonline

Join [@Usyd Dog Society](#) for Games Night this Friday. Play some sick Scribbl.io and make some new mates. You might even get a cheeky visit from some fluffy fur balls.

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