

# Student News



8 October

October is Mental Health Month – find out more

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## A message from the Vice-Chancellor: COVID-19 safety module

Dear students,

I hope you have had a good semester so far and are enjoying your mid-semester break. For those of you who have been able to participate in some face to face learning, thank you for helping to make the transition back to campus a safe and enjoyable one.

While the on-campus learning has been going very well, we must continue to follow government health guidance on general hygiene and physical distancing. In order to help keep our community safe and because of the travel restrictions which remain in place and continue to affect many students, we will continue the current blended delivery of online and in-person teaching for the remainder of the year.

Also, as part of our ongoing commitment to keeping our community safe, a new *COVID-19 Student Safety and Wellbeing Resource* is now available on Canvas. This interactive module aims to equip you with the latest information to protect yourself and keep safe as we continue to adjust to life and study during a global pandemic.

The module has been developed by our own academic experts, led by Professor Ramon Z. Shaban, the Clinical Chair of Infection Prevention and Disease Control with the Faculty of Medicine and Health.

The information is presented specifically for students and will help you understand the nature of the virus and how to contain the risk of spread. The module is not compulsory, however I strongly encourage you to complete it as soon as you have the time. There is no deadline for the completion of the module and it will be used as an ongoing resource for the foreseeable future, while we continue to deal with the pandemic, and will be updated as required.

If you have any questions about accessing or completing the module, please contact ICT through the Service Now portal.

Take care of yourselves and one another.

Yours,

Dr Michael Spence, Vice-Chancellor and Principal

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## Book your ticket for the Sydney Innovation Festival

Taking place online on Monday 19 October, this year's program boasts an impressive line-up of innovative thinkers, including former prime minister Malcolm Turnbull, Adam Jacobs, co-founder of the ICONIC, and Biomedical Engineering Professor Hala Zreiqat. [Get your free ticket.](#)



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## Sydney Abroad Virtual Fair

**Wednesday 14 October**

Broaden your academic experiences and develop the confidence and cultural competence for a global career. Find out about international opportunities, both virtual and in-person, and the \$1500 scholarships available. Register now.

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## Notices

- Be aware of phone scams attempting to illegally extort money or access your personal details. They may pretend to be from reputable organisations such as the government or the police. Never provide personal information, including your UniKey and student ID, over the phone to strangers and [report any suspicious calls](#).
- Applications for advertised bursaries for domestic students have been extended until Friday 23 October. [Find out how to apply](#).
- The Library's collections framework defines how we manage our collections, including how we decide what to purchase and how we make it available. We're seeking your feedback to ensure our new framework is transparent, accessible and adapts to your research and learning needs, now and into the future. [Please complete our online survey](#) (5-10 minutes).



## Get involved

### Have your say in the student elections

- Voting opens at 9am on Monday 12 October for the University's student elections for Senate, Academic Board, Faculty Board/University School Board, and Faculty/University School. An electronic ballot will be sent by email to students on the electoral roll from the University's secure, third-party online voting system, BigPulse. If you wish to vote in the election/s, please respond to the electronic ballot. For more information on the candidates, please see the Noticeboard on the [Student Elections website](#).

### Wellness Webinar – physical activity

- PhD candidate Bridget Foley will share how young people can improve their physical health, academic achievement, quality of life and mental health through moving more. [Register for the webinar on Wednesday 14 October](#).

### Rosebrook Foundation Indigenous Accommodation Scholarship

- If you're an undergraduate Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, apply now for this scholarship values at \$15,000 per annum for up to five years. [Applications close Monday 12 October](#).

### #youthgotthis - Youth Mental Health Forum

- Join the Matilda Centre for the #youthgotthis Youth Mental Health Forum on Wednesday 14 October, with a live Q&A facilitated by television presenter, journalist and mental health advocate, Jessica Rowe AM. [Register now](#).

### What's your COVID story?

- The Library is collecting materials documenting how COVID has changed the way we live, work and study at the University of Sydney. We'd love you to contribute. You can donate photos, video, written reflections, poetry, artwork, online content, websites. There's even a quilt in the collection! [Share your story](#).

### Language webinars on-demand

- Delve into any of our 15 language offerings with our academics and fellow students. Test your knowledge with some fun quizzes, and find out more about how you can study languages alongside your degree with the Diploma of Language Studies. Watch our webinars now on the School of Languages and Cultures' [YouTube channel](#).

## Tata Global – information session

- Join Sreelakshmi Hariharan, Deputy General Manager - Corporate Brand & Marketing, for a session about Tata's genesis, history and growth, alongside India's economic development. [Register for the online event](#) on Tuesday 13 October at 9pm.

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## Upcoming events

- 1 October to 31 October: [Mental Health Month](#)
- Thursday 8 October: [Video Editing for Beginners](#)
- Friday 9 October: [3D Printing 101](#)
- Thursday 15 October: [Cultured Quaranteams Trivia](#)
- Monday 19 October: [Sydney Innovation Festival](#)
- Thursday 22 October: [Feeding the world sustainably](#)
- Thursday 22 October: [Baking on a budget workshop](#)



## Insta of the week

A very good pup practising physical distancing in the Quad.

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## batyr@usyd spotlight

As part of Mental Health Month, batyr@usyd is spotlighting students and staff as they

share their experiences with you. This week, [meet Alex Rearden](#), Program Administrator in the Faculty of Medicine and Health.



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