

# Student News



23 June

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## COVID-19 update: Wednesday 23 June

In light of the COVID-19 restrictions announced by the NSW government today, our University campuses remain open with COVID-safe precautions in place.

- In line with the Public Health Order, masks are required to be worn in all indoor non-residential settings (unless individuals are otherwise exempt), so all staff and students must wear a mask indoors on our campuses. Students must also wear masks at in-person exams and assessments.
- The Library remains open to students and staff, with masks mandatory from 4pm on Wednesday 23 June.
- We are working with unit of study coordinators to manage the implications for any in-person exams or intensives that are planned. Please contact your unit of study coordinator if you have any questions or concerns.
- The Chau Chak Wing Museum and other hospitality outlets on campus remain open, with masks required unless eating or drinking.
- Please continue to check our COVID-19 website and social media for updates.

As always, please continue to follow COVID-safe health advice including practising good hand hygiene and physically distancing. If you have been to any COVID-19 exposure sites or have even the mildest symptoms it is important you self-isolate and get tested immediately. Stay safe!

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## Pride Month: Continuing the march towards equality

In honour of Pride Month, a staff member and two current students [reflect on their lived experiences as queer people](#), how far society has come in the journey towards true equality, and what we can all do to ensure progress continues.



## Celebrate the start of NAIDOC Week

Join us on Monday 5 July for a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony, as we celebrate the start of NAIDOC Week and this year's theme, Heal Country! [Register to attend](#).



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## Pandemic financial support payments

International students who are studying and working in Australia may be able to access financial assistance from the Australian Government when they are:

- required to self-isolate or are caring for someone with COVID-19 (Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment) or;
- adversely affected by a state public health order and are required to be in lockdown for more than seven days (COVID-19 Disaster Payment).

For more information on the financial support payments, including eligibility criteria, refer to the [Services Australia website](#).

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## Notices

- Timetable preferences are now open and will close on 6 July. Semester 2 timetables will be released on 12 July. [Find out more about timetable preferences](#).
- If you had a scheduled proctored exam on Tuesday 15 and Wednesday 16 June that was impacted by technical issues, you should have been contacted by the University. For more information about special consideration and replacement exams, [visit the website](#).
- Our Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor Stephen Garton recently joined hundreds of university leaders around the world in signing the Magna Charta Universitatum 2020. [In this video](#) Professor Garton explains Sydney's historic ties to the Magna Charta and our ongoing commitment to the fundamental principles on which universities are based.
- The University has partnered with Share the Dignity to install a vending machine to dispense free sanitary products to students, which is located in the female public toilets in the Carslaw Building. To learn more about this initiative, visit [Share the Dignity](#).

- Applications for advertised bursaries will close on 23 July. Advertised bursaries are provided for students who meet eligibility criteria, including in a particular faculty or year of study or are facing specific challenges. [Find out more and apply.](#)



## Get involved

### Get ahead in the semester break

- The Learning Hub are running two workshop programs through the break so you can jump start your way to Semester 2.
  - [Register for Get it Write!](#) a program of online workshops designed to further develop your writing skills for University, receive feedback and work with peers on interactive activities.
  - [Register for Speak Up!](#) a program of online conversation workshops to help you practice and develop your English language skills.

### USU Goes: Online Gaming

- Join the USU for a relaxed afternoon on Thursday 1 July to play a mix of online games, including Skribblo, Bingo and Scattergories. [Register to attend this event](#) in-person at the International Student Lounge or online via Zoom.
- Looking for more events in the break? Check out [USU Goes: Arcade Games at Broadway](#) on Tuesday 8 July and [USU Goes: Wild Life Sydney Zoo](#) on Tuesday 22 July.

### Humanitarian Innovation Hackathon

- Take part in a weekend-long virtual event from 23 to 25 July working collaboratively to create technology-driven solutions for the most pressing humanitarian challenges. [Register your interest.](#)

### Writing Climate Change

- What is the role of writing in helping us imagine and reimagine the future? [Over two events](#), join acclaimed Australian writers as they explore the power of writing during a moment of multiplying and interconnecting crises.



## Insta of the week

And that's it for another semester! Enjoy a well-earned break, and we'll see you on campus or online in Semester 2.

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