

Student News



28 July

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COVID-19 update

The NSW Premier has announced today that current stay-at-home orders in Greater Sydney will be extended until Saturday 28 August. Please monitor the NSW Health website for other restriction changes, and continue to check our COVID-19 website for University updates.

The University is preparing to deliver the first four weeks of Semester 2 remotely. Please note you do not need to change your enrolment to RE (remote), particularly if you want to return to in-person classes when restrictions ease. You should select, or remain, in the on campus 'CC' units if you want to return to campus at any point.

If you intend to study remotely for the whole semester, you will need to make sure you select units where the location code is 'RE', meaning Remote.

Find out more about the student services, resources and events available to support you while you study online.

Orientation Semester 2, 2021

Our online Orientation program is your chance to get ready for your course, make friends and learn about all the support and services available to you. [Set up your planner](#) for the best possible start to Semester 2.



Keeping up with the University on social

It's never been more important to stay in the loop with what's happening at Uni, and social

media is a great way to do it. Here's your [comprehensive guide to the University's official social media presence](#).



Meet our new Vice-Chancellor

We're pleased to welcome alumnus Mark Scott AO as our 27th Vice-Chancellor and Principal. Watch his message to our international community.

There's a lot to keep track of as a new student – enrolments, timetables, Orientation, and so much more. Keep an eye out for the **Getting started at Sydney** emails in your University inbox – it's a weekly email checklist to help you stay up to date with key tasks and information.

Notices

- Zoom has been upgraded with new features, including automatic live captioning and the display of personal pronouns. [Download the latest version of Zoom](#) to access these features.
 - If you're a commencing student, make sure you complete the compulsory [Consent Matters](#) and [Academic Honesty](#) Education Modules before census date.
 - The Student Centre has currently suspended in-person enquiries, but you can still [get in touch online or by phone](#).
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Get involved

Welcome Week at the Library

- The University Library is hosting a series of online events to welcome students, show the best ways to utilise the resources available, meet friends and plan your study. Week one highlights include:
 - [Welcome to your Library](#), 2 August
 - [Meet the Library Online](#), a series of Q&A sessions beginning on 2 August
 - [Plan your Semester](#), interactive workshops to help you create a study schedule suited to your life. Kicking off 2 August.

Join your peers in an online study group

- vSydney Study Connect is an online program connecting students from the same faculties into study groups supported by our Peer Support Advisors. Groups launch from 9 August. [Register now through the CET Connect app](#).

USU Campus Race, online!

- Need some lockdown entertainment? The annual Campus Race is back, this year featuring a virtual campus and challenges with prizes on offer for the winners. The Race kicks off on Tuesday 3 August, make sure to [register](#) beforehand.

Searching for aliens, finding ourselves

- Are we alone? Humans have been asking this question throughout history. Dr Jill Tarter has spent her career attempting to answer this question and will tell us about what she's discovered in this [online event](#) on 29 July.

USU Day virtual trips

- Get a virtual taste of what Sydney has to offer so you'll know exactly what you'll want to check out once we're able to get out again. One [registration](#) gets you access to all the virtual tours happening on Thursday 5 August.

In case you missed it...

- We've welcomed alumnus Mark Scott AO as our 27th Vice-Chancellor and Principal. Head over to our Facebook to [get to know our new VC](#).



Insta of the week

We may be in lockdown, but our campus remains a beautiful place for walks and outdoor recreation. We can't wait to welcome all our students back to campus!

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