

Student News



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Keeping our community COVID-safe

Public Health Order amended for students coming to campus

- The Public Health Orders (PHO) have been amended overnight with a significant change for the University. The PHO requiring authorised workers to show evidence of vaccination (or exemption) and a permit to leave their LGA for work no longer applies to students. Therefore students coming to campus for study **will not** be required to produce evidence of vaccination or obtain a permit. All other [requirements](#) of the Greater Sydney stay-at-home orders continue to apply, including additional restrictions for [LGAs of concern](#).

Campus conditions of entry

- Everyone coming to campus needs to comply with Public Health Orders (PHOs) including wearing a mask or providing proof of exemption, as part of our [conditions of entry](#). If you come to campus, you will be required to [sign a declaration](#), acknowledging these conditions. You can also access the declaration form via the [Sydney Uni app](#) or complete a physical form upon entry if you don't have a smartphone.

Priority Pfizer appointments

- If you are aged 16 to 39 and live in NSW's Local Government Areas (LGAs) of concern or the Sydney Local Health District, you can [make a booking to get a Pfizer vaccine](#). More information about availability and access to vaccinations is available on the [NSW Health website](#).

A message from the Vice-Chancellor

Dear students,

Over recent days I have watched with concern the distressing news of the political unrest unfolding in Afghanistan, which has seen many Afghanis fleeing for their lives. On behalf of the University, I extend my sincere sympathy to anyone in our community who has been directly affected by these events, and to the people of Afghanistan.

We have reached out directly to students of Afghan citizenship to offer additional support including

special consideration, peer support and counselling. We are also consulting with the Sydney University Afghan Society about how we can best support the Afghan student community with academic, psychological and other practical support, with a view to considering how we help both current and future students.

Students in Australia can [talk with one of our University counsellors](#), including during evenings and on weekends. Support is also available for our students overseas and [more information is available on our student website](#).

I also acknowledge that this is a challenging time for the Australian veteran community. Students who are veterans, or have family members who have served in Afghanistan, who may be experiencing distress about this situation can access a [free and confidential counselling service](#) specifically to support ADF families.

Our thoughts are with all people experiencing suffering throughout the world, in particular the people of Afghanistan.

Regards,
Mark.

Mark Scott
Vice-Chancellor and Principal

Why you should apply for a Student Co-curricular Grant

Do you have an innovative new project idea that will resonate with students? You can apply as an individual or a group of students for the [Student Co-curricular Grants Funding Program](#), offering up to \$2,000 in funding and development for your project.



USU Pride Festival

USU has put together an incredible online line-up for Pride Festival. Join [three massive days \(31 August to 2 September\)](#) of fun online events, a performing arts showcase, poetry open mic, discussion panels, Drag Bingo and more.



Notices

- Changes are being made to Adobe Creative Cloud. If you use Creative Cloud in your studies, you will receive an email with instructions for how to continue using this app after 5 September. Note: you won't be emailed if this change doesn't impact you. If you're unsure, email ict.provisioning@sydney.edu.au or contact the [University Shared Service Centre](#).
- Commencing students, don't forget to complete the compulsory [Consent Matters](#) and [Academic Honesty](#) Education modules before census date.



Get involved

Wear it Purple Day

- Started by two Sydney students to combat the bullying experienced by LGBTQ+ youth, the University Pride Network will recognise this year's event with a panel discussion on the theme 'starting the conversation, keeping it going' on [Friday 27 August](#).

Festival of Urbanism

- It's an interesting time to be alive right now. If you're wondering where we might be headed in the future, this Festival features a panel of experts who will come together to debate the threats and opportunities facing our cities. [The festival kicks off on 13 September](#).

Sydney Learning Hub writing workshops

- Want to take your writing to the next level this semester? The Learning Hub is offering a [series of online writing workshops](#) over August and September that will give you all the tools you need to write that HD essay.

Rediscovering lost Egypt in the archives

- Join online for a lecture by Egyptologist Dr Chris Naunton on [Thursday 2 September](#).

Share the love with our USYD community

Missing your classmates? Reach out and let your favourite zoom buddy know you're thinking of them. Share the lockdown love by sending them one of our digital postcards, or tag them in our posts over on [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#).

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