

# Student News



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## 3 top tips for nominating someone you know for a Graduate Medal

Do you know a recent graduate or final year student that has demonstrated exceptional leadership or innovation in any aspect of their lives? [Find out how to nominate them for a Graduate Medal.](#)



## How our students celebrate Mid-Autumn Festival

Mid-Autumn Festival is one of the most important celebrations on the Chinese holiday calendar. [See how our students in China are celebrating the occasion](#), starting with the traditional delicious mooncakes of course!



## Get your ticket to the Sydney Innovation Festival

Learn about the latest insights from the Sydney innovation ecosystem with Australia's best innovators and thought leaders at our annual event from 12 to 14 October. [Register for your free ticket.](#)



## Have your say on student experience

We are running an online forum where you have the opportunity to tell us the good and the bad about your experience as a student. The online Student Experience forum is completely anonymous and independently facilitated by Plaetos, and will run until Friday 24 September.

[Register now to share your feedback with the University.](#)

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## Notices

- Next week is [mid-semester break](#) – classes will resume on Tuesday 5 October.
  - Staff at the University have been given concessional days of leave on Thursday 30 September and Friday 1 October. This means these days will not count as working days for the purpose of calculating deadlines for appeals or special consideration. Please note, this does not apply to the last date to discontinue from a Semester 2 unit of study without it counting as failure. **If you intend to [discontinue not to count as failure a unit of study](#), you must do so by Friday 1 October.**
  - HDR students are encouraged to take Thursday 30 September and Friday 1 October as concessional leave days. Please note, for those HDR students whose thesis is due on 30 September, this date will not change – please submit your thesis by the due date. More information for HDR students is available on the [Intranet](#).
  - HSBC have made updates to the payments process for students who are overseas, to reduce the possibility of errors and payment rejections. More information is available on the [student website](#).
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## Reminder regarding course transfers to complete honours

If you are a domestic student on a Commonwealth supported place (who commenced your degree prior to 2021) and are intending to transfer to a combined Bachelor of Advanced Studies degree, please be aware that this transfer will be treated as a new course enrolment. This means you will be charged the new Job-Ready Graduates Package fee rates for units in your new degree that you haven't completed yet. Any units you have already studied will be credited to your new course and noted as paid under the old rates.

Please carefully check [information on fees](#) and consider the implications of transferring courses. Further information on the Job-Ready Graduates Package can be found at [Study Assist](#).

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## Get involved

### Sydney Abroad Fair

- Discover all the global experiences available to you in 2022. This year's virtual fair will kick off with a [live stream event on Tuesday 12 October](#). You can also attend our global partner sessions held over Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 October, and play our virtual world challenge game!

### Questions about uni? Have them answered in our WeChat Q&A

- Not sure how to join the online student community? Or need some extra advice with key online learning and research tools for your assignments? We've invited a range of experts to takeover our WeChat Mini Program forum, where they will be hosting a live [Q&A session in Mandarin on 23 September](#).

### International Festival – Day 3 Highlights

- [Day 3 of International Fest](#) is jam-packed, with a girl style dance class, online murder mystery night and international discord lounge just a few of the wide range of events on offer. Check it out!

### #youthgotthis – Matilda Centre

- Mental health issues have rarely been talked about as freely as they are at the moment. #youthgotthis in collaboration with the Matilda Centre are holding an [online Youth Mental Health Forum on 11 October](#) with the aim to improve youth mental health through education and empowerment.

### Live on campus in 2022

- [Applications are now open for University Accommodation in 2022](#). Check out the variety of on-campus accommodation and residence options available.

## Learn Arabic this summer

- [Apply now to experience the Arab world](#) with our overseas partner and gain 6 credit points to your degree (eligibility criteria applies). Learn from teachers based in Amman, Jordan to gain basic Arabic language skills, including ways to use Arabic in authentic contexts with a virtual immersion of the local culture.

## Body clocks and the science of sleep

- If you've been struggling to get a good night's sleep lately, you're not alone. Join Sydney Ideas tomorrow as we [unpack the research and provide tips on how to practice better sleep hygiene](#).

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## Disability Inclusion Week 2021

What was it like to compete at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics? Check out this interview between Sarah Stewart, three-time Paralympian, and two Sydney students who represented Australia in wheelchair basketball in Tokyo.

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## Insta of the week

Spring is here and mid-semester break is around the corner, are you as happy about it as this good girl? We hope all our students enjoy a refreshing week off study!

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## Connect with us

Missing being on campus? Recreate the feeling of being in your favourite #usyd spots with one of our Spotify playlists:

- [Strolling through the Quad](#)
- [Things I miss about campus](#)
- [Running to Redfern](#)



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