

Student News



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National Student Safety Survey

Content warning: sexual abuse, sexual harassment.

The results of the 2021 National Student Safety Survey were released yesterday. The Vice-Chancellor has thanked all students for their contributions to help us create a [safer and more supportive environment on our campuses](#).

Spring, colours, love – Sydney students celebrate Holi

Three students from the Ekansh Indian Cultural Society explain the importance of and how they [celebrate the ancient and vibrant Hindu festival of Holi](#).



Get on board!

Want to make an impact on campus and gain valuable leadership experience? Nominations are now open for the [2022 USU Board Elections](#). Nominations close Thursday 7 April.



Applications for advertised bursaries are now open

Advertised bursaries are mini scholarships that support specific cohorts of students in financial need. For example, you may be eligible if you are a first-year student, are registered with Inclusion and Disability services, are an Aboriginal and or Torres Strait Islander student, or if you are enrolled in a particular faculty. These bursaries range from \$500 to \$6,000.

You can apply for Advertised bursaries via Sydney Student. Go to 'My finance', 'Scholarships, prizes, bursaries and loans', 'Applications', then 'Advertised bursary application'. Some advertised bursaries may require specific supporting documents. [Applications close Wednesday 27 April](#).

Notices

- Census date, the last day to drop a unit of study without incurring financial or academic penalty, is next Thursday 31 March. Make sure you [finalise your enrolment](#), and complete the compulsory [Consent Matters](#) and [Academic Honesty](#) education modules.
 - We recommend you label your property, particularly valuable items such as laptops or USB drives, with your student ID. If a labelled item [ends up in lost property](#), staff will be able to return the item to the correct owner.
 - The University is committed to combating racism and celebrating diversity in all its forms. If you encounter or witness discrimination on campus, we encourage you to report it to our Student Affairs Unit. You can [contact the team by email](#) to make a confidential report.
 - Changes have been made to the [student policies and procedures relating to sexual misconduct](#) to address current constraints regarding disclosure of information and to reflect best practice.
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Event highlights

Tonight: Parramatta Nights

Meet up with your fellow students for music, food, art,

Global Climate Strike

There will be a [climate strike on Friday 25 March](#) and the

Beyond the techlash

The power digital platforms have over our economy,

and so much more, all in the heart of Parramatta. Part of Parramatta Nights – [your free ticket](#) includes live entertainment, a DJ, and great eats. Hosted by City of Parramatta.

University has informed all students that you will not be penalised for missing class to attend. The march will depart from Fisher Library at 10.30am.

society and culture is becoming more and more apparent. [Join this panel discussion](#) on Wednesday 6 April to find out what this could mean for us in the future.



Get involved

Australian Discussion Group: Aussie Slang

- [Join the USU each week at 2.30pm](#) for the Australian Discussion Group (ADG) – today's topic is a fun introduction to the shortcuts in speech, conversation and texting in Australia. Meet other international students, learn fun facts and enjoy some snacks together!

Coming soon: EnviroWeek 2022

- Mark your calendar – the University and the USU are hosting EnviroWeek, a time for action, education and change as we recognise the growing environmental and climate crisis the world faces. [Join us from 5 to 7 April](#) for three days of sustainability focused events.

Virtual Field School in Thailand

- Passionate about environment and human rights? Applications close soon for Sydney Southeast Asia Centre's (SSEAC) [virtual field school in Thailand](#).

Earth Hour 2022

- On Saturday 26 March from 8.30 to 9.30pm, we'll be switching the lights off on all our building across campus in support of Earth Hour. Join us in from wherever you are in Sydney or the world. You can also [register your participation](#) for the chance to win a trip to Northern Queensland!

How do we imagine our future?

- How do we imagine our future in a warming world? [In a collaborative piece](#), Sydney Environment Institute Youth Fellows creatively reflect upon the power of imagination in contemplating and transforming a world altered by climate change.

Insta of the week

Some of us are lucky to have the great outdoors as our classroom. Sample collection is a good reason to go for a bushwalk and call it study!

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