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Mid-sem break, Semester 2

Welcome to the mid-semester break. If you're using the break to catch up on study, make sure you also find some time to relax and recharge. In today's edition, hear from the 2023 winners of the Charles Perkins Memorial Prize, find out what it's like to learn a language overseas and see how our students are shaping the future of policy.

## What you need to know this week

### Congratulations to the Charles Perkins Memorial Prize winners

[Hear from our winners about what it means to be awarded the Memorial Prize](#) and how the legacy of Dr Charles Perkins inspires them. Plus, don't miss the opportunity to watch a live stream of the event.



### Young leaders join forces to advance gender equity

USYD student [Phoebe Britten](#) has been [selected to represent the experiences of young people](#) as part of The Global Institute for Women's Leadership's Global Youth Committee.



### What it's like to learn a language while studying overseas

Bachelor of Arts student [Alexandra Lyons](#) [reflects on her time in Lyon, France](#), where she embraced learning another language and



expanded her cross-cultural and interpersonal communication skills.

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## Contribute to the future of the University's Indigenous Strategy

The Office of the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Indigenous Strategy and Services) wants to hear from you as part of the review of the University's Indigenous Strategy, One Sydney Many People. We invite you to complete a short 10-minute survey about your engagement with the One Sydney, Many People Strategy, the impacts you have seen, and your views on where we can do better. The survey will remain open until 11:59 pm, Friday 29 September.

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## Notices

- **Remote voting services for the 2023 Voice to Parliament referendum will be rolled out across Australia from Monday 25 September 2023**, 19 days before referendum day. In addition, there may be an early voting or voting on the day centre in a remote area near you. A list of [polling places in remote areas by state](#) is available on the AEC website.
- The Student Centre and Library will be open and operating as usual over the mid-semester break.
- Daylight Savings Time starts on Sunday 2 October in New South Wales. Clocks in New South Wales will be put forward an hour, so make sure to double check the local time when you return from mid-semester break on Tuesday 3 October.
- Upgrading your mobile phone? To continue to access your university accounts, keep your old phone and transfer OKTA Verify to your new mobile device. If you are trading in your old phone, please ensure you unenroll it from Okta Verify first. Refer to the [step-by-step instructions on how to set up Okta Verify](#) on your new phone.
- Voting closes next Tuesday 3 October for a range of student positions on Academic Board, Faculty Board, University School Board, Faculty and University School. Students eligible to vote in these elections will receive an automatically generated email from BigPulse (third-party preferential voting software) to their student email account. [For a list of candidates and key dates see the Student Elections webpage](#).
- If you have a disability, medical condition, or carer responsibilities (temporary or ongoing) which may disadvantage you in your formal examinations, you may be eligible for reasonable adjustments. To be approved for adjustments in your Semester 2 formal exams, you will need to book a consultation appointment and be registered with Inclusion and Disability Services (IDS) by Wednesday 4 October. [Please see the IDS webpage for further information about the registration process](#).

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## What's happening on campus?

### 27 September | A little French book of painting

At the latest Rare Bites lunchtime talk at Fisher Library, Frances Muecke, Honorary Senior Lecturer in Classics and Ancient History, [will discuss Dufresnoy's 17th-century Latin didactic poem on the Art of Painting.](#)



### 4 October | Communities reducing disaster risk

How do Australian communities mobilise during climate-driven disasters? [Hear from a panel of experts as they share new research findings on the actions taken by flood and fire-impacted regions](#) in New South Wales.



### Until 31 December | Floating between Couches and Motels

Dr Carolyn McKay, Sydney Law School Criminologist and artist, has designed [an intriguing installation that looks at transgressions that take place in hotel rooms.](#)



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## Share your study experience for your chance to win \$100

The annual Study Australia International Student Sentiment Survey is now open to all current international students across Australia. Take the 10-minute survey to share your experience and help shape student services to match your needs. Your feedback will contribute to improving the experience of international students, and you'll go into the draw to win a \$100 e-gift card.

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## Study and career development opportunities



## Applications for the AgriFutures Rural Women's Award are now open

Do you have the desire to make a greater contribution to Australia's rural and emerging industries, businesses and communities? Applications for the 2024 AgriFutures Rural Women's Awards are open until 25 October. [Find out about eligibility and the application process on the AgriFutures website](#), and [register for an upcoming information session if you're interested in applying](#).

## Develop fundamental awareness of climate change

Recognised as one of the 100 global Transformative Action Programs by the United Nations, our Carbon Literacy Training program will [develop your in-demand green skills and knowledge and improve your graduate employability](#). You'll also receive a verified digital credential upon completion. Spaces are limited – find out more and register your interest online by 29 September.

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## Sports and fitness



### Congratulations to our competitors at the 2023 Snow Nationals

The 2023 Snow Nationals were held at Thredbo in Kosciuszko National Park from 3–7 of September, with our students competing in alpine skiing, snowboarding, cross-country skiing and freestyle skiing events.

USYD placed 2nd overall, winning four gold, ten silver and four bronze medals. Congratulations to all our competitors!

You can [see the full list of results and rankings for 2023](#) by visiting the UniSport Australia website.

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## Social shoutout

Mellow Marshmellow the Bichon Frise [@marshmellow.bichon](#) is having a howlin' good time exploring the Graffiti Tunnel at our

Camperdown/Darlington campus.

We love to see what you get up to during semester, so tag [@sydney\\_uni](#) or [#usyd](#) for your chance to be featured.

Don't forget to join us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#) and [WeChat](#) to stay up to date on the latest news and events.



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## Student resources

[Student website](#) | [Canvas](#) | [myUni](#) | [Sydney Student](#) | [Key dates](#) | [Student life, wellbeing and support](#)

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