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Exams, Semester 2

Best of luck to everyone sitting an exam this week. In this edition, we share important information about your exams, along with activities on campus to help you take a break from your studies to recharge. Plus, find out how you can get involved with Transgender Awareness Week.

Transgender Awareness Week

Today marks the beginning of [Transgender Awareness Week](#) (13–19 November), an opportunity to celebrate Trans and Gender Diverse (TGD) vitality and increase our collective understanding of the role we all play in making our communities safer for TGD people.



We're committed to providing affirming experiences for [brotherboy](#), [sistergirl](#), trans, gender diverse and non-binary students through internal and external community led support. Learn about [support available for students affirming their gender](#), find out who your [LGBTQIA+ student support liaison officers](#) are and check out [TransHub](#), an information and resource hub for TGD people, their loved ones and allies.

The Mosaic and Pride Network are also hosting ["Say My Name and Pronoun", a lunchtime event on 21 November](#), to discuss championing name pronunciation, the correct use of pronouns, and accountable diversity and inclusion.

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Notices

- Exams start today, 13 November, and run until 25 November.
 - Read through our [exam guide](#) for everything you need to know, including how to prepare and what you need to bring.

- Remember to double check your [Semester 2 exam timetable](#) for the type of exam you're sitting and where it will be taking place.
- If you haven't already, [visit the Student Centre to get approval for your calculator or dictionary](#) if you're permitted to use one in your exam.

Changes to selecting units of study for 2024

We've recently made changes to how you can select your units for next year, meaning you'll be able to choose your units of study earlier.

From 27 November, most students will be able to log in to Sydney Student and select units of study for 2024. Please note that after results are released on 13 December, you will still need to re-enrol to confirm your units and complete enrolment. Find out more information about re-enrolment on the student website.



Take a break from your studies with the Con

Exam time can be tough. Listening to music produces several positive effects on your mind and body, including reducing stress, easing anxiety and improving focus. If you need to step away from your study sessions and immerse yourself in music, the [Sydney Conservatorium of Music](#) has got you covered.

Listen

Professor Deborah Cheetham Fraillon from the Sydney Conservatorium of Music shares [an hour of music and conversation with ABC Listen](#). Hear her favourite music and the musicians who have influenced her most.

Read

Dr Jadey O'Regan and Dr Paul McDermott, both lecturers in Contemporary Music at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music, reflect on the technology used in [the final song by The Beatles, Now and Then](#), and ponder its meaning and legacy.

Watch

Get ready to be moved by the beat. From cello to sax, classical to jazz, take a break from studying or decompress after your exams and [cheer on your fellow students at the Con as they deliver their end of year recitals](#). Tickets are free.

What's happening at the University

Support travel concessions for all students

In NSW, international and part-time students are excluded from the transport concession scheme, and are forced to pay double compared to domestic full-time students. [Sign a petition to show your support for equal concessions](#) for all students.



Photography Falls Apart: The Lens

Three artists [explore photography and discuss how it challenges questions of truth and representation](#) at the Chau Chak Wing Museum on 16 November from 6 pm. Tickets are only \$5.



Celebrate Australian research, arts and culture

[Live from the Lab](#) unites four researchers from the University with Sydney-based artists to compose new tracks inspired by their conversations. Hear the music and more on 28 November from 6–7:30 pm.



Ask us STEM! with Dr Karl and our Superstars of STEM

[Join Dr Karl and six early career researchers named Superstars in STEM on 2 December](#) for an afternoon of fun demonstrations, vibrant visuals, and the chance to ask your STEM questions live. Limited spaces available and registrations are essential.



New Teaching and Learning Hub at our Camperdown Campus

The University of Sydney is in the process of submitting a State Significant Development Application (SSDA) for the Ross Street Teaching and Learning Hub, a new teaching building planned for our Camperdown Campus.

Urbis, an independent consultancy firm, is also undertaking a Social Impact Assessment on the project as part of the SSDA documentation. They would like to invite all students to participate in a Social Impact Survey. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete, and all answers will be anonymous.

Study and career development opportunities

Parliament Unpacked – The Parliament's Sword and Shield

Ever wondered why politicians can say whatever they want in the chamber? Parliamentary privilege is a commonly misunderstood concept. Join [Parliament Unpacked](#), a free program on 16 November from 5:30 to 6:30 pm, and explore how the parliament developed its powers, rights and immunities over many centuries.

Study with New York University in Sydney

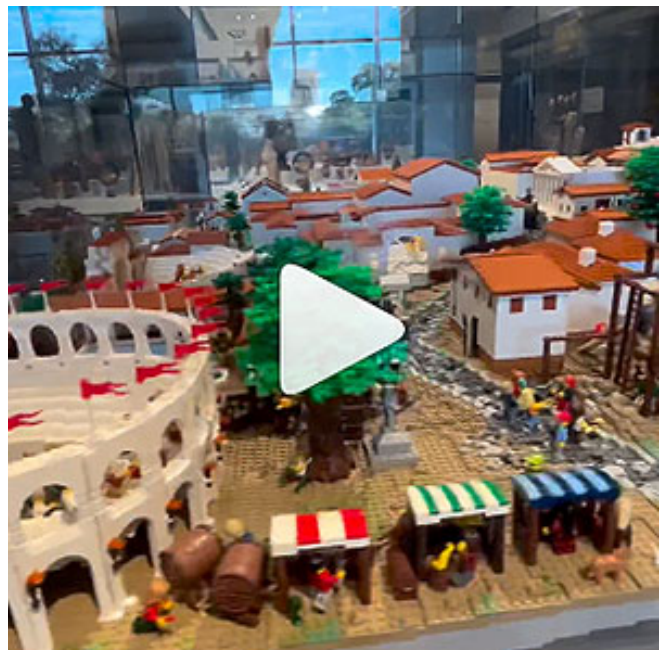
[Experience a unique local exchange opportunity with New York University](#) (NYU) at our Camperdown/Darlington campus. Take NYU units, connect with NYU students and learn from NYU academics, all from Sydney. Applications close 1 December.

Social shoutout

The Chau Chak Wing Museum offers the perfect respite from your exams. Take a tour with [@arumnisma](#) and check out all the cool displays, like a LEGO reanimation of Pompeii.

We love to see what you get up to during the 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.



Student resources

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

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