

**5 February 2024**

Two weeks until Semester 1

Welcome to the first edition of Student News for 2024, student! We hope you've had a wonderful break and are feeling prepared for the year ahead. Welcome Semester 1 kicks off today with Cohort Welcomes and will continue to Week 4, so today's edition is all about how you can meet and connect with your fellow peers through our huge Welcome Program.

Top stories

Get involved in our Welcome Program 2024

Celebrate the start of your academic year with our [Welcome Program](#) for all students – your opportunity to connect with your community and immerse yourself in campus life. Welcome Semester 1 kicks off on Monday 5 February 2024 and will continue to Week 4.

From meeting your peers and learning about your course to joining clubs and societies, scoring freebies and partying at [USU's Welcome Fest](#), there are plenty of reasons [why you should attend Welcome](#). Check out our guide on [how to prepare for Welcome](#), and head to the [Welcome Planner](#) to find and register for events.

Accessing support throughout your studies

There's a range of [academic, financial, and health and wellbeing support](#) available to help you succeed at the University.



For study-related support, including course advice and enrolment and timetable assistance, [make an appointment to visit the Student Centre](#) and meet face-to-face with one of our staff.

For advice and support around student life, visit our Peer Support Advisors (PSAs) at the Welcome Hub on Level 3 Wentworth Building, open Monday to Friday, 10 am to 5 pm. You can also visit our PSAs at the Fisher Library Helpdesk, Monday to Friday, 10 am to 5 pm or [chat to our PSAs online](#).

International Student Welcome Day

Whether you're new to the University or it's your first time on campus, we're excited to welcome you to our University at the [International Student Welcome](#) on Thursday 8 and Friday 9 February.



Meet your international student community, ask questions, and take a tour of our campus. You'll also learn about key University services and the support available to you at Info Fair, and enjoy a free BBQ lunch thanks to Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness.

Re-enrolment and timetables

Semester 1 classes begin on Monday 19 February 2024. Make sure you log in to [Sydney Student](#) and re-enrol before the deadline, Friday 16 February, to avoid any delays in finalising your enrolment. For up-to-date information about selecting units of study, head to our [re-enrolment webpage](#).

If you're an international student, please remember to [check the requirements of your student visa and study load](#).

Once you've successfully completed your enrolment, your timetable will be available in [Sydney Timetable](#). You can [review and adjust your Semester 1 timetable](#) until Sunday 3 March.

Need to know

- Check out the [key study dates for Semester 1, 2024](#) to ensure you don't miss your deadlines.
 - Emergencies can arise at any time and for a variety of reasons. Familiarise yourself with our [safety procedures](#) and watch this [video about our emergency procedures](#).
 - While studying with us, it's important we have the correct contact information for you. You can [update your personal details](#), including your phone number, emergency contact details, addresses and personal email, in [Sydney Student](#).
 - As part of accessing our University systems securely, it's important you know how to [set up Multi-Factor Authentication](#) (MFA) on your mobile device, how to [transfer MFA to a new device](#), and how to [set up MFA on an additional device](#).
 - Our upgraded [Library website](#) is now live, featuring a new interface, enhanced search functionality, and improved access to resources, services, and our unique collections.
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Check out the anti-slavery stall at Welcome



Equip yourself with useful skills for recognising and preventing modern slavery at the anti-slavery stall during Welcome. Run by the University's Modern Slavery Unit, come along to [learn about the realities of modern slavery in Australia](#), and how you can access support.

University news

Sydney researchers named Australians of the Year

Congratulations to Georgina Long AO and Richard Scolyer AO from the University of Sydney and Melanoma Institute Australia, jointly named [2024 Australian of the Year](#) for their life-saving melanoma work.



Sydney and HEX announce School of Record partnership

The [five-year agreement between the University and award-winning tech start-up HEX](#) will enable students to obtain globally recognised, university-level academic credit in education, entrepreneurship and employment.



5 reasons you should attend Fair Day this Mardi Gras

Bring the whole family, including your beloved pooch, to [Fair Day](#) on Sunday 18 February. Expect a fun-filled day of incredible performances and hundreds of stalls, and learn more about our diverse LGBTQIA+ community.



Updates to the Student Sexual Misconduct Policy

In line with our commitment to protecting students from sexual harm and creating a safe, inclusive, and supportive environment for all, we've updated our [Student Sexual Misconduct Policy 2023](#) and [Student Sexual Misconduct Response Procedures](#). These changes, which highlight reporting pathways and reflect best practice in the delivery of trauma-informed care and support for victim-survivors of sexual assault and other forms of sexual misconduct, came into effect on 1 January 2024.

To access support, please contact the Safer Communities Office on 8627 6808 or safer-communities.officer@sydney.edu.au.

Events on campus

13–18 Feb | Listening to Earth

Escape the crowds, connect with the environment, and perceive the earth in a new way at [Listening to Earth](#), a

6–29 Feb | Sustainability Tours

[Explore sustainability at Sydney](#) and join a trail tour on campus, where you'll visit the endangered Wollemi Pine, meet Chester the

8–24 Feb | Lunar New Year Festival

From sculpting fortune cookies out of clay to language tours and exploring the rich world of Chinese tea culture, [celebrate Lunar New](#)

unique sensory experience at the Chau Chak Wing Museum.

Biodigester who can recycle 200 kilograms of organic waste daily, and more.

[Year with a series of events at the Chau Chak Wing Museum.](#)

USU events

6 Feb | Camperdown Campus Race

Join us on Tuesday 6 February for [Campus Race](#) – your chance to get to know our Camperdown Campus, make new friends and win prizes.

7 Feb | Welcome to Sydney Party

Celebrate your new uni life by making friends from around the world as you enjoy free food, live music and more at the [Welcome to Sydney Party](#).

10 Feb | Welcome to Sydney Day Trips

From discovering Taronga Zoo to cooling off at Coogee, see the best our city has to offer with USU's [Welcome to Sydney Day Trips](#).

What's happening at Sydney

Win a \$50 voucher with Student Life

A group of students are conducting research to understand their fellow students' views of climate change, and their adaptation and mitigation responses. [Complete the Student Life survey](#) before 5 pm on Friday 16 February for your chance to win one of five \$50 gift vouchers.

Get to know the new Student Portal

[Student Portal](#) (previously known as myUni) has been upgraded, featuring a new Outlook calendar integration and an improved careers section with additional tools and templates to help you land your dream job. Don't forget to [download the Sydney Uni app](#) to easily access the Student Portal on your mobile.

Receive same-day feedback on assignments with Studiosity

Studiosity is an online portal that allows all students to receive same-day feedback on a draft of an assignment for topics relating to academic writing and mathematics. Through this service, you can receive timely and personal feedback after hours and on weekends. [Set up your free Studiosity account](#) via the Learning Hub on Canvas.

Accelerate the growth of your start-up

[Genesis](#) is a bi-annual accelerator program that helps take your innovative idea to the next level by connecting you with world-class mentoring and a supportive entrepreneurial community of

partners, customers and investors. Plus, you could win the Genesis Wellness Reimagined Prize, valued at \$30,000. Applications are open now for Genesis Cohort 33 and close 18 February 2024.

Happy Lunar New Year!

We wish you a very happy, healthy, and prosperous Year of the Dragon! We can't wait to see you on campus this year, where you'll connect and learn with fellow students from all over the world. [Join the Peer Support Advisors](#) for a special celebration on Wednesday 7 February from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

Student resources

Student website | Canvas | Student Portal | Sydney Student | Key dates | Student life, wellbeing and support | Scams support

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