

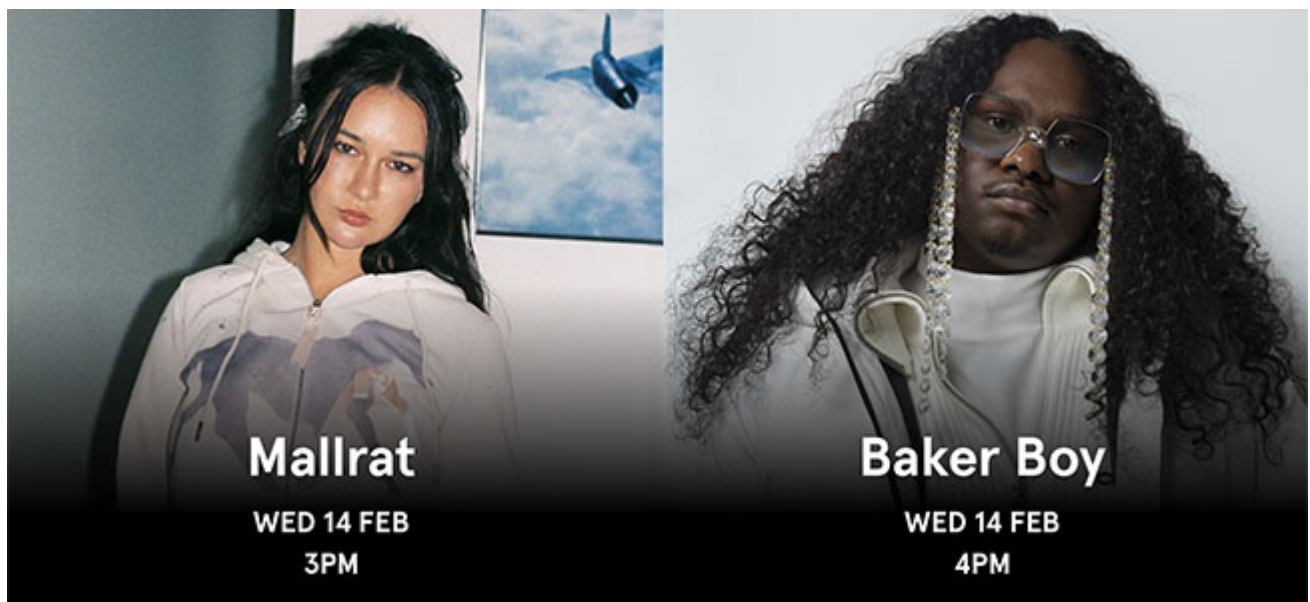
**12 February 2024**

One week until Semester 1

We're just two days out from Welcome Fest and we're so excited to see you all on campus! In today's edition, we share how you can make the most of this week's festivities as well as important information you need to know ahead of classes starting next week.

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## Our incredible line up for Welcome Fest



The cat's out of the bag! In case you missed it, [Mallrat](#) and [Baker Boy](#) have been revealed as the incredible Australian artists headlining [USU's Welcome Fest](#). Head to the Main Stage on Wednesday 14 February at 3 pm to hear Mallrat's upbeat dreamy rap, and catch the powerful beats of Baker Boy's bilingual hip-hop from 4 pm.

Extreme heat is predicted for the first day of Welcome Fest, Wednesday 14 February, so it's important you take the following precautions:

- wear sunscreen, a hat, sunglasses and loose fitting garments;
- bring a reusable water bottle and drink plenty of water;
- seek shade and minimise the time you spend in the sun between 10 am and 3 pm.

There are also several 'cool zones', 'shade zones' and 'quiet rooms' across the Welcome Fest site to help you stay cool. Visit the [Welcome Fest](#) webpage to locate these areas.



## Get the best from Welcome Fest: Your ultimate guide

From an official Welcome Ceremony to exclusive live performances, hilarious comedy headliners and inspiring keynote speakers, here's [how to get the best of Welcome Fest](#) this week and start your academic year on a high.



## Embrace uni life by joining a club or society

Lining Eastern Parade at Welcome Fest, you'll see hundreds of University, club and society stalls, where you can meet like-minded people and join groups that share your interests. Here are [5 reasons you should join a club or society](#) while studying at Sydney.

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### Need to know

- The deadline to [enrol in Semester 1 2024 classes](#) is this Friday 16 February. If you need assistance with enrolling, [download the Sydney Uni app](#) to find a range of Student Services and Support Hubs available for you to visit in person during Welcome and chat with one of our team. You can also [submit an enquiry to the Student Centre online](#).
- If you haven't already, make sure you download the [2024 student wall calendar \(pdf, 114KB\)](#) to keep track of important dates.

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### Has someone reached out to you claiming to be a tutoring service?

You may be approached by companies claiming to offer tutoring assistance – 'assignment help', 'exam help', 'study groups', 'essay writing' or similar. But these costly services are often not legitimate and if you engage with them, you risk taking part in contract cheating. Contract cheating is against the University's Academic Integrity Policy and is illegal under Australian law. Don't become a victim of contract cheating. Seek legitimate support from the University – it's free.

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### Welcome events



## Ideas bloom at the Library

Join the Library during Welcome for a range of fun activities, from enjoying free coffee and croissants to spinning the wheel for your chance to win prizes and merch – including a tote for all your books! [Check out what's on during Welcome on the Library website.](#)

### Speed Friending

Come along to the Welcome Hub every Tuesday from 2:30–4:30 pm until 27 February for an afternoon of laughter and connection at Student Life's [Mix, Mingle and Munch Speed Friending](#) series, hosted by your Peer Support Advisors.

### Alumni Wishing Tree

Visit the Alumni Wishing Tree at Welcome Fest on Wednesday 14 or Thursday 15 February and collect some advice or a message of encouragement from alumni to help inspire you about your studies and future career.

### Revolve ReCycling

Save your old bike from landfill! Drop it off at the [Revolve Recycling stall](#) at Welcome Fest, on 14, 15 and 16 February from 9 am to 4 pm. Check out the redeployed bikes for sale and grab Sydney cycling maps for free.

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## Welcome MySydney scholars



Last Wednesday, we welcomed our newest cohort of [MySydney scholars](#) to the University. Students from across Sydney came together to take part in a special Welcome ceremony, explore our Camperdown/Darlington campus and connect with fellow students. The festivities continue this week, so check out the [Welcome Planner](#) to see what's on.

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## What's happening at the University of Sydney





## Learn a new language for free

Whether you're a beginner, an advanced learner or a native speaker, USU's [Language Exchange Program](#) is free, fun and flexible, and open to anyone interested in languages. Sign up to meet and connect with people from different cultural backgrounds.

## Find your way with the Sydney Uni app

The Sydney Uni app is your gateway to university life. Plan and register for our Welcome Program, access your class timetable, find food outlets or book a study space, GP or library appointment with the Sydney Uni app. Download the [Sydney Uni app for Android](#) or the [Sydney Uni app for iOS](#).

## Explore the University's records of continuing value

With a diverse collection of audio recordings, correspondence, photographs and more, and improved access to digital material and non-digital records, the updated [University of Sydney Archives website](#) can help you with your next assessment or research project.



## Stay fit while you study

Make the most of your campus experience with a Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness (SUSF) [2024 Student Gym Pass](#)! With a Student Gym Pass, you can enjoy access to all [SUSF fitness and sporting facilities](#) until the end of the University year.

## Discuss your academic and personal goals and challenges

[Book a Student Advising appointment](#) to talk with an advisor about study-related decisions, how to achieve your academic and personal goals, and where to seek further advice and support.

## Support fair fares for all students

All students, including part-time and international students, deserve concession prices when travelling. Visit the SRC and SUPRA stall during Welcome Fest to find out more about making transport concessions available to all students and show your support by [signing a petition in person](#), or [sign the ePetition online](#).

## Career opportunities



### Volunteer with SUPRA

[Volunteer with SUPRA](#) to make new friends and be an active part of your postgraduate community. Volunteers receive full training, as well as external training opportunities, volunteer merch, a certificate and more!

### Create the world you want to see

Have a world-changing idea for a social enterprise start-up that aligns with one of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals? [Apply for the 2024 Hult Prize competition](#) for your chance to win US\$1M.

### Work on climate solutions

If you're completing honours in 2024, [apply for funding through the Sydney Environment Institute](#) to join a like-minded network and address our most critical environmental challenges.

### Is existing a blessing, or curse?

[The 2024 Honi Soit Writing Competition](#) asks you to interrogate the notion of existing. Entries are open to all Sydney students with prize money in fiction and non-fiction categories. Submit your work by April 7.



### Our future is bright for Fair Day

Don't forget to join us this Sunday 18 February for [Fair Day](#), the annual gathering to kick off the 2024 Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras festival.

Dapper dogs, DJs and dancefloors join over 200 food, retail and community stalls – with six stages and six bars keeping you entertained and hydrated. [Follow us on Instagram](#) to see what we get up to on the day!

## Student resources

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

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