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Week 2, Semester 1

Welcome to Week 2! We hope you enjoyed your first week of classes. This week, check out our guide on how to ace your first semester, explore global study opportunities, and discover low-cost food options on campus. Plus, there are already plenty of exciting events happening at Sydney – read on to see how you can get involved.

Top stories



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New national consent framework driving cultural change

The Australian Government introduced a new national consent framework in January to promote healthy sexual relationships. Here's [what you need to know about the new consent framework](#), and where to access support.



How to prepare for classes and ace your first semester

The first few weeks of semester can feel daunting, but we're here to help set you up for success. We've pulled together [a list of things you can do to make getting to class easier](#), and help your semester sail a little smoother.



Offering our students a transformational experience

Did you know the University of Sydney has the largest [student mobility program](#) in Australia? Find out how you can join thousands of students studying overseas each year at the [2024 Sydney Abroad Fair](#) on Tuesday 19 March.



Open the door to a dynamic career

Three of our recent graduates share how studying veterinary medicine at the University of Sydney has helped them find their passion and shaped their careers, as well as their [advice for preparing to enter the workforce in any industry](#).



Cheer on our LGBTQIA+ community at Mardi Gras

Representing the vibrant and diverse LGBTQIA+ community here at Sydney, come watch our wonderful Pride Network, staff and students as they march down the rainbow mile during the 46th [Sydney Gay and](#)

[Lesbian Mardi Gras Parade](#) on Saturday 2 March.

To complement the colour, confidence and charisma of our community, [we've partnered with Sydney-based artist Jeremy William Smith](#) and will be featuring his artwork 'Queer Sydney: A History' in our celebrations during the parade.

Need to know

- The Australian Universities Accord Panel's final report, which aims to improve the quality, accessibility and affordability of higher education in Australia, was published on the weekend. [Read Vice-Chancellor Mark Scott's take on the report's recommendations](#) and how Australia can maintain our world-class university system.

- Friday 1 March is the deadline for adding Semester 1 units of study. Log in to [Sydney Student](#) to check your units – go to 'My studies', then 'Units of study'.
- Stay up-to-date with broad coverage of local and international stories and access content that is relevant to your fields of study with a free [digital news subscription](#). The University offers students unrestricted digital access to The Daily Telegraph, The Australian and metro publications including the Courier-Mail, Herald Sun, The Advertiser and NT News.



Supporting students through the cost of living crisis

We recognise the challenges faced by our student community due to the cost of living crisis. If you find you are struggling with food insecurity, there are a range of free and low-cost food options available on campus.

Student Savers

[Student Savers](#) offers free and affordable food and beverage options on campus, including \$6 select menu items after 6 pm.

FoodHub

[FoodHub](#) on Level 3 of the Wentworth Building provides free food and other essential items to University students at no cost.

Coffee & croissants

Recharge and have a chat to Peer Learning Advisors over [free morning tea](#) in the Susan Wakil Health Building Library on Level 2.

Navigating your studies and your life in Sydney



Living in Sydney as an international student

The [International Student Lunch series](#) will help you to establish your life in Sydney. Register for one or more workshops to learn about work and accommodation rights, how to navigate the Australian healthcare system, how to enjoy Australian nature safely, nutrition and mental health.



Lord Mayor's welcome for international students

Celebrate the start of your university journey at the [Lord Mayor's Welcome for International Students](#) on Wednesday 6 March. Meet other students, experience Aboriginal culture and hear from Lord Mayor of Sydney, Clover Moore.

Plus, meet the student ambassadors and services that can support you in your studies and life in Sydney, and find out about volunteer opportunities to help you make the most out of your time here. Entry is free.

24th Biennale of Sydney at the Chau Chak Wing Museum



Mangala Bai Maravi creating new artworks for the Biennale at Sydney College of the Arts.

[The Chau Chak Wing Museum \(CCWM\) will be an Exhibition Partner of the 24th Biennale of Sydney](#) for the first time to deliver a global visual arts program that works across eras and beyond borders. This free exhibition brings 20 local and international artists with a breadth of formats and perspectives to the CCWM from 9 March to 10 June.

Get involved in our Extended Welcome Program

Explore Sydney on two wheels

Come along for an easy [guided bike ride](#) from the University to the scenic Marrinawi Cove at Barangaroo. Don't have a bike? No worries! We've partnered with Beam to offer free access to share bikes for the ride. Limited

An evening with Grace Tame

Join Grace Tame and an expert panel on Thursday 29 February to discuss respectful dialogues around consent, sexual harassment and sexual assault at [Courageous Conversations](#) on our Camperdown Campus.

Film screening and panel event on endometriosis

Join us on campus from 5 pm on Thursday 7 March for a [free and exclusive screening of *Below the Belt*](#), an impactful 50-minute endometriosis documentary produced by Hillary Clinton. Following the screening, stay for an engaging panel and Q&A

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Contribute to sustainability at Sydney

Are you looking to make a tangible difference to sustainability on campus? The [Green Impact](#) program is University-wide, friendly competition running from March to August, where teams complete actions that progress

sustainability on our campuses. Open to all students, please complete a [Green Impact expression of interest form](#) if you're interested in competing in the program this year.

Free events on campus



Commemorating lives lost and forging multispecies solidarities

As climate change intensifies, many people are grieving the loss of species, landscapes and their cultural connections. Join environmental anthropologist Dr Sophie Chao on Monday 11 March from 6–7:30 pm

at the [2024 Iain McCalman Lecture](#) and explore the Indigenous Marind People's practice of 'multispecies mourning' in West Papua, as an act of resistance to ecological upheaval.

Setting the mental health agenda

Join writer and political strategist Alastair Campbell and leading industry experts on Monday 4 March from 12:30–1:30 pm to [explore ways of moving forward and creating action to enhance mental health services](#) and outcomes for all. Free lunch is provided. Places are limited and booking fast, so registration is essential.

Kānawapātāhmōwin: a condition of seeing and perceiving

What role does perception play in different Indigenous languages and systems of knowledge around the world? Join artists and knowledge keepers at the [Symposium on Indigenous Visual Knowledges](#) on Monday 4 March from 10 am–5 pm at the Chau Chak Wing Museum to discuss the language, history and politics of Indigenous ways of seeing and perceiving.

Explore the arts scene on campus and life as a practicing artist

If you're an emerging artist and ready to build your career, interested in the process behind developing an exhibition, or keen to explore the arts scene on campus, [join the Verge Gallery for a masterclass with ESSSENSSE artist, HOSSEI](#). Explore artist practices, career trajectories, accessible exhibition design and more on Tuesday 5 March from 12–1 pm.

How useful did you find our Getting Started series?

Getting Started at Sydney was a series of four emails sent to you as a new student and included information to help you navigate your life at university. Take our Getting Started survey to let us know what you thought of our Getting Started series.

Career opportunities at Sydney



Collaborate on global issues while studying abroad

Global Industry and Community Project Units (ICPU) are an exciting credit opportunity for students to work on real projects while engaging directly with international industry partners in an overseas location.

The programs running during the July intensive take place in [China](#) and [Italy](#), and are available for both domestic and international students. Applications close 11:59 pm on 24 March.

Gain six credit points while you learn a language overseas

Delve into a new culture and language with our overseas partners in Germany, Italy, Japan or Spain through the [Open Learning Environment \(OLE\) In-Country Experience](#) intensive units. These units are designed for complete beginners with no prior knowledge of the language. Places are limited, please head to the OLE website to apply now.

Supporting outstanding postgraduate researchers in Business

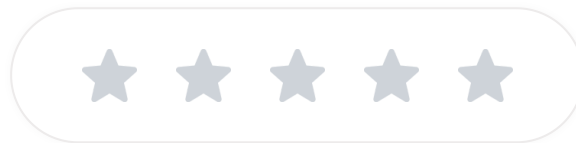
Interested in studying a PhD at the University of Sydney Business School? The [Enhanced Business School Research Scholarship](#) provides a minimum of \$50,207 to recipients each year to support commencing postgraduate research students with their studies. Applications for Semester 2 are open now and close 15 March 2024.

Help create effective processes to support current and future students

Submit an expression of interest to [join the University's student feedback panel](#). If selected, you will participate in two online surveys per semester that will help guide University processes to support student journeys, and receive a \$10 USU gift voucher after each completed survey.

Share your feedback with us

How do you rate this week's edition of Student News?



Student resources

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