



4 March 2024

Week 3, Semester 1

Welcome to Week 3, student. This week we're celebrating International Women's Day with a range of events on campus for you to get involved in. We also share the first article in our accommodation series Housing Hacks, helping you understand accommodation in Sydney, your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, and how to access support if you need it.

Top stories



Housing Hacks – what to expect when renting in Sydney

Housing Hacks is our series on accommodation, with [tips and advice for students renting in Sydney](#). This first article will guide you through housing options as a student, as well as important legal information you need to know as a tenant.



Invest in women this International Women's Day

In recognition of the extraordinary achievements of women in social, economic, cultural, environmental, and political spheres and beyond, we're celebrating International Women's Day with a range of in-person and online events for you to join the conversation. [Explore the full list of events](#) on our website.

The collective power of women

Join us at the Norman Gregg Lecture Theatre on 7 March from 5 pm for

Supporting feminist changemakers

Advocate for women in leadership at the free panel event [Supporting Feminist](#)

Free film screening and panel event

Come along to an [exclusive screening of Below the Belt](#), a powerful documentary on

[Women in Arts](#), a free showcase of the collective work of academics, activists and artists focusing on women who are involved in ComuArte International and organising for social change.

[Changemakers](#) on 7 March from 10–11 am in the F23 auditorium. Hear from experts in global health about the inner workings of care, labour and the passion that drives women leaders.

endometriosis at the Charles Perkins Centre auditorium from 5 pm on 7 March. Dinner and refreshments will be provided, along with a prize giveaway from The Endo Shop.

Beware of money muling

If someone asks you to move money through your bank account in exchange for payment, they're asking you to be a money mule. Money muling, also known as money laundering, is a serious crime.

If you believe someone has contacted you online or in-person to be a money mule, you should:

- stop all communication with the person
- immediately contact your bank so they can stop any transactions
- report to police using the 'Report' button at www.cyber.gov.au

Visit our [scams webpage](#) for more information on what to do if you've been scammed, as well as other common scams and how to avoid them.

Need to know

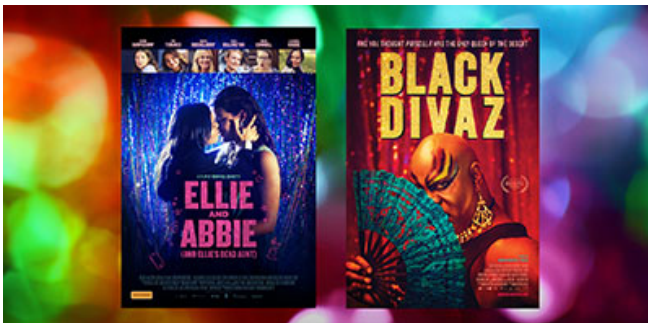
- The mulch identified as being potentially contaminated with asbestos at our Camperdown Campus has been tested and analysed. All results have returned negative for the presence of asbestos. As such, the mulch no longer poses a potential health risk to our community. Full details are available on the [notices page](#).
 - From March until September, the J10 Shepherd St Car Park will be undergoing remediation works to ensure building safety and compliance. There will be a staged closure of car park spaces during the works, however emergency access and most parking spaces will remain usable during semester. For more information, visit the [notices page](#).
 - After careful evaluation of traffic flow and passenger usage, the Central Station stop on the campus shuttle bus C has been removed. The bus will continue to stop at Redfern Station. Explore ways to [get to campus](#).
 - From 2025, we're replacing the advanced mathematics prerequisite for many of our degrees with more individual and targeted mathematics support upon commencement. Read more on the [study webpage](#).
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University of Sydney community events



Support your health and wellbeing with Ther-A-Paws

Ruff week? Need a paw-se from studying? The beloved [Ther-A-Paws Dog Therapy Program](#) is back! Join us at the New Law Lawns on Eastern Avenue from 12–1:30 pm on Thursday 7 March to support your health and wellbeing through dog therapy and conversation.



LGBTQIA+ lunchtime film screenings at the Library

Relax during your lunch break with free film screenings at the Library. *Ellie and Abbie* (and *Ellie's Dead Aunt*) will be showing from 12–1:30 pm, and *Black Divaz* will be showing from 1:30–2:30 pm on Thursday 7 March in the Fisher Library, Seminar Room (level 2).



Repairing the spatial relationship between cities and species

Explore multispecies cohabitation and the gap in biourbanism policies at [Kinships](#), a free discussion on the architecture of human and nonhuman interdependence at the Tin Sheds Gallery on Thursday 7 March from 6–7 pm.



What's on at Sydney Con Semester 1 2024

Join us at the [Sydney Conservatorium of Music](#) this semester for a diverse program of concerts. From student performances and premieres of new compositions to classical crowd favourites, intimate recitals and dazzling symphonies, there is something for every music lover.

Respectful engagement on campus



We strive to foster an environment where every student feels welcomed and included. To facilitate a learning environment where everyone is treated with respect and to enhance your cultural competence, complete the [Engaging with Civility](#) and [Racism Runs Deep](#) modules online.

How we're supporting you

The [Support for Students Policy 2023](#) has been implemented by the University of Sydney to fulfil government guidance on how Australian universities will be providing support to their students. This new policy aligns with the University's enhanced commitment to supporting you through your studies and ensuring a safe environment for all to thrive.

What that means for you is that we are, as always, committed to:

- supporting students academically; and
- ensuring all students feel safe.

Explore and access support services available to you, including academic learning, degree planning and wellbeing support, via the [Student Portal](#). You can also visit our [student life, wellbeing and support webpage](#) to find student services, resources and events available to support you while you study.

What's happening in Sydney



Saving the ocean with science

Taking place from 11 am–4 pm on 23 and 24 March, the [Volvo Ocean Lovers Festival](#) focuses on smart solutions to help protect our oceans. Listen to free inspirational talks by leaders and luminaries, scientists, innovators and adventurers, including six speakers from the University.

Shakespeare on politics – what can we learn today?

Explore how Shakespeare's observations resonate with us now and what we can take from them to confront the dilemmas of today at the free livestream event, [Shakespeare on Politics](#). Hear from Sydney alumnus and founder of Bell Shakespeare, Dr John Bell AO OBE as he presents a brief survey of the political scenarios in Shakespeare's plays on Wednesday 6 March from 6:30–8 pm.

Visit Lakemba for a vibrant global food bazaar during Ramadan

Ramadan, the ninth month of the Muslim calendar and the holy month of fasting, will be observed this year from Saturday 9 March to Monday 8 April. Break your fast or try new foods and experience the rich culture and traditions of Ramadan at [Ramadan Nights Lakemba](#), on from 6 pm–3 am every Thursday to Sunday during Ramadan.

Dive into the work of artist Louise Bourgeois

[Tides and Currents](#) is a three-day symposium from 10–12 March at the Art Gallery of NSW focusing on influential artist Louise Bourgeois. Convened by Dr Léa Vuong from the School of Languages and Cultures, the free program features talks by award-winning writers, artist performances, and more.



Dr Léa Vuong.

Understanding your academic responsibilities as a student

As a student of the University, you are responsible for taking part in your education in an honest and authentic manner. If you started a new undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree this semester, you must [complete the Academic Honesty Education Module \(AHEM\)](#) in Canvas by census on 2 April.

The module includes information about your roles and responsibilities as a student, as well as [legitimate University support services](#) such as same-day assignment feedback service [Studiosity](#), which you can access after you enrol in the [Learning Hub Canvas site](#).

Be very careful about engaging with any service that claims to offer academic support, such as coaching, tutoring, and study materials. Many of these services are not legitimate and could result in penalties against you for 'contract cheating'. These services might also expose you to financial and data risks, or scams. If you think you've been impacted by a scam, visit our [scams webpage](#) for support.

Career opportunities at Sydney



Study at UCLA, one of the top universities in the world

Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime? The University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) Study Abroad program gives you the opportunity to gain invaluable international experience and accelerate your

career while living and studying in California during the June–July semester break. Attend an upcoming [UCLA Study Abroad information session](#) to learn about eligibility criteria, financial support, accommodation, units of study, and how to apply.



ESSENSSE performance and exhibition by artist HOSSEI. Image credit: Jacquie Manning.

Calling all aspiring arts writers!

Do you dream of writing for PULP, Memo Review, Art Monthly or ArtForum? The [Writing for Performance in Contemporary Art Panel Talk](#) is for you. Head to Verge Gallery on Friday 15 March from 12–1:30 pm to hear industry insights on writing for performance, with pizza from Courtyard Café to follow.



Celebrate coding culture and network with industry leaders

Mark your calendars, the annual [School of Computer Science Coding Fest](#), a celebration of all things coding, will be held on campus on Tuesday 23 July. Applications to showcase your coding project to fellow

students and industry guests at the Coding Fest are open until 12 April. All students are welcome to apply.

Tell authentic stories from the student perspective

Do you have a passion for creating digital content? [Apply to be a Student Content Creator](#) with the USU and bring the student experience at the University of Sydney to life! You'll be paid hourly as you develop, produce and edit content for use on primarily TikTok and Instagram Reels. Applications close 7 March 2024.

Feedback

What did you think about this edition of Student News?

Very useful! I feel informed about my studies and what's happening at the University

Mostly useful. I found some of the content informative and interesting

Not useful. I feel like most of the content wasn't relevant to me

Student resources

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