

*Student*  
NEWS



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Week 6, Semester 1

Welcome to Week 6, student. Holi, the Spring Hindu festival marked by bright colours, is today, and it's mid-semester break at the end of this week! Time is flying by. In this edition, discover a range of budget-friendly things you can do over the break, along with five tips to help you take charge of your wellbeing ahead of exam season. Plus, don't miss your chance to score \$3000 in funding towards your project idea with Student Life Grants.

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## Trending this week



### 5 tips to help you take charge of your wellbeing

Prioritising your mental wellbeing is key to achieving success in your studies and developing a healthy balance between your academic and personal commitments. Find out how you can [manage your mental health with our suite of tools, resources, and services](#).



### Budget-friendly ways to spend this mid-semester break

While it's important to use the upcoming mid-semester break to catch up on some study, make sure you also find some time to relax and recharge. Check out our [list of ideas for how you can spend your break](#) on a budget.

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## Census date is approaching

For most students, census date for Semester 1 is next Tuesday 2 April. Census date is the last day you will be able to [withdraw from any units of study](#), [finalise your residency status](#), [suspend](#)

[your studies](#) or [discontinue your course](#) without it affecting your grades. Each unit of study has a census date, based on the session in which it is taught, so it's important to [check when your census date is](#).

If you have questions about census date, please contact the Student Centre as early as possible. You can [make an appointment to visit the Student Centre in-person](#), [make an enquiry online](#), or call the Student Centre on 1800 SYD UNI (1800 793 864).

The Student Centre will be open over the mid-semester break but closed during the Easter public holiday this weekend, from Friday 29 March to Monday 1 April.

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## Secure up to \$3000 to launch your next big idea

[Student Life Grants](#) provide funding for innovative project ideas that benefit your student community. They also give you the opportunity to make a real impact, develop your leadership skills, and add project management experience to your resume.

You can apply as an individual or a group to access up to \$3000 of funding and development support. Project areas eligible for funding include social activities and mentoring, professional development, community contribution and academic research.

Applications for Round 2 (2024) are open now until 9 am Thursday 23 May. For more information on the grant streams available and for project tips, [register to attend a Student Life Grants information drop-in session](#).

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## Need to know

- If you started a new undergraduate or postgraduate coursework degree this semester, you must [complete the Academic Honesty Education Module \(AHM\)](#). The due date is next Tuesday 2 April. Completing the module will ensure that you understand your academic integrity responsibilities as a student.
- The Good Friday public holiday is on 29 March and the Easter Monday public holiday is on 1 April. No classes will be held on public holidays.
- The Student Centre, Library and study spaces will remain open as usual during the mid-semester break, but will be closed on public holidays. After-hours access to Fisher Library and the Law Library will be available over the public holidays, so you'll need your student card to get in and out.
- If you have a disability, medical condition, or carer responsibilities (temporary or ongoing) which may disadvantage you in your formal examinations, you may be eligible for

reasonable adjustments through Inclusion and Disability Services. To be approved for adjustments in your Semester 1 formal exams, you will need to apply to register, book a consultation appointment, and be registered with Inclusion and Disability Services by Wednesday 24 April. [Please see the Inclusion and Disability Services webpage for further information about the registration process.](#)

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## University news



### Microsoft and Sydney to collaborate on AI capability

A [new agreement between The University of Sydney and Microsoft](#) will build on Australia's artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities and help the University harness the power of AI for good.



### Community of expert educators to transform student experience

The University is making an unprecedented investment in teaching, learning and the student experience with [plans to recruit hundreds of specialist educators by 2026](#) to advance our teaching practice and improve our world-class education.



### Hear how you can help save nature's unsung heroes

In the [first episode of The Solutionists Season 2](#), Vice-Chancellor Mark Scott dives deep into nature's intricate world to uncover the vital role of pollinators and the urgent need to protect them, with researchers Tanya Latty and Dieter Hochuli from the Faculty of Science.

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## Celebrate gender diversity this Trans Day of Visibility





Trans Day of Visibility is an annual international celebration of trans pride and awareness, recognising trans and gender diverse experiences and achievements. Find out how you can support trans people this Friday 31 March and beyond by visiting the [Trans Day of Visibility website](#).

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## Struggling financially? Apply for an advertised bursary

Applications for advertised bursaries are now open. [Advertised bursaries](#) are mini scholarships providing financial support for specific challenges or circumstances. Bursaries are available for eligible undergraduate and postgraduate domestic students, with assistance ranging from \$500 to \$5000. If you have questions about financial support, [submit a financial support enquiry via the Services Portal](#). Applications close Friday 12 April.

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## What's happening at Sydney



### Architect of Uncommon Sense exhibition

John Andrews is one of Australia's most influential architects, having trained at both Sydney and Harvard and with structures across the globe. Celebrate his works at the [Architect of Uncommon Sense exhibition](#), held at the Tin Sheds Gallery from 28 March to 24 May.



### Laugh till you drop at Hermann's Comedy Night

Get giddy with laughter and visit Hermann's Bar this Thursday 28 March from 5 pm for their [free monthly comedy night](#). For the latest updates on programming, [follow USU on Instagram](#).



## Oceanic narratives: interweaving past, present and future

[Explore the history, science, and beauty of the natural world](#) on Monday 8 April from 6–7 pm with Australian author James Bradley alongside Maria Byrne, Professor of Marine Biology at Sydney; scientist and climate campaigner Tishiko King; and Helen Sullivan from Guardian Australia.



## Step into the world of criminal justice

Do you plan on working in the field of criminal justice? Go on a free two-hour [tour of the former youth detention centre at Haberfield](#) on Friday 10 May, where you'll meet staff and learn about features of the youth justice system. Places are limited so registrations are essential.

## Career and community opportunities

### Capture science on camera for a chance to appear in Nature magazine

*Nature* magazine's [2024 Working Scientist photo competition](#) celebrates the diverse, interesting, challenging, striking and colourful work that scientists do around the world. The competition is open to anyone who isn't a professional photographer. Winning entries will appear in an April print issue and online, receive a year-long subscription to *Nature* magazine, plus a cash prize. Entries close this Thursday 28 March – find out how to enter on the *Nature* website.

### Nominate for the SUPRA Council

Nominations are now open for the [Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association \(SUPRA\) Council 2024–25](#). SUPRA is the postgraduate student union at the University of Sydney, and run by an elected council of postgraduate students. All SUPRA members who are current postgraduate students can nominate. Nominations close at 3 pm on Tuesday 26 March.

### Have your say on improving walking and cycling infrastructure

Researchers from the University of Sydney and the University of Canberra are undertaking surveys to better understand your walking and cycling experience at the [Moore Park Road Pop-up Cycleway](#) and the [Shared Path from North Ryde Station to Macquarie](#). Have your say on Sydney's

travel infrastructure and go in the running to win a \$100 Amazon gift voucher. Survey participation is completely anonymous and voluntary.

## Do you know a brilliant young filmmaker?

The [2024 University of Sydney Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize](#) is now open! Designed for primary and high school students, the competition involves creating an engaging short film based on the theme of 'energy'. If you know a budding filmmaker with a passion for science – whether that be your sibling, child, family friend or student – this could be the perfect competition for them, with great cash prizes up for grabs. Entries close 12 April at 7 pm AEST.



## Wishing our community a happy Holi

Holi, also known as the festival of colours, is a celebration that honours the triumph of good over evil.

People celebrate the festival with friends and family by eating sweets, playing with colourful powder called gulal, and dancing to traditional music.

[Wishing all our students around the world a happy Holi!](#)

## Share your feedback

What would you like to see more of in Student News?

Events and social activities

Study-related information

Career and networking opportunities

## Student resources

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