



16 April 2024

Week 8, Semester 1

Welcome to Week 8, Chloe. This week, nurture your inner creative at the Festival of Creativity, with artist talks, live music, a gallery crawl, and more. It's also Fashion Revolution Week – play your part in fighting fast fashion and explore events, workshops and Stitch Craft, a new sewing hub on campus.

Trending this week



Housing Hacks: how to be a good housemate

From establishing fair house rules to sharing expenses and managing day-to-day chores, [find out how you and your housemates can work together](#) to maintain a happy home life.



Go beyond borders at the 24th Biennale of Sydney

The University is a proud partner of the 24th Biennale of Sydney exhibition *Ten Thousand Suns*, a free public arts festival on now until 10 June. [Luke Parker, Exhibition Manager at the Chau Chak Wing Museum, shares his highlights of the exhibition](#) and his advice for students interesting in working in the arts.

We're here to support you

If the recent tragedies in Sydney have impacted your studies, [special consideration and arrangements](#) are available to you. If you wish to apply, please submit a [student declaration \(docx, 51.5KB\)](#) as your supporting document.

[Wellbeing support](#), including free and confidential counselling, is also available to you 24/7.

Bondi Junction incident – memorial for our student

Until Saturday 20 April, the grassed area at the front of the Quadrangle near the Great Hall will be a space for our community to place flowers and small cards in memory of our student who died as a result of the Bondi Junction tragedy.

The family of our student has asked that no identifying messages or photos be placed at the memorial, and we sincerely ask that this be respected.

Please reach out for support if you need it. Free and confidential counselling and wellbeing support is available 24/7 by visiting the [health and wellbeing webpage](#). 24-hour support is also available from [Lifeline](#) via text, online chat, or by calling 13 11 14.

Need to know

- Voting for University of Sydney Union (USU) Board Directors begins on Monday 6 May. The USU is run by students, for students, and is responsible for clubs and societies, gigs, festivals and more. Make sure you're eligible to vote for your next USU Board Directors by becoming a USU member by 4 pm Friday 3 May. [USU membership](#) is free and it's your ticket to getting the most out of uni life.
 - The University's new preferred [Overseas Student Health Cover](#) (OSHC) provider is Bupa. Students with existing access to the University's previous preferred provider, Allianz, are not affected by this change.
 - A brand-new [library space for Higher Degree by Research \(HDR\) students](#) is now open. The renovated space is for all current HDR students and features a quiet study area with a variety of lounge seating and group study areas, as well as dock-your-own-device monitors, a small kitchenette and lockers.
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University news



36 disciplines in the global top 50 in QS Subject Rankings

The [University of Sydney has performed strongly in the 2024 QS World University Rankings](#) by Subject, with six disciplines ranked in the global top 20 and 36 in the top 50. The rankings also put the University first in Australia in ten disciplines.



6 tips for sticking to your fitness goals this winter

As the days grow shorter and colder, maintaining fitness routines can be challenging. Check out [six tips for practical strategies to stay motivated and committed to your fitness goals](#).



Sydney leads new trial of youth vaping schools program

The [University of Sydney is leading a new approach to reduce the number of young people vaping](#) and smoking in schools across the country.

Don't put yourself or your finances at risk. Stay scam aware

If you're contacted by someone, by phone, email or text, saying they're from a government department, regulator or law enforcement and they threaten immediate arrest, deportation, or ask you to pay money, this is a scam.

Never send money or reveal personal or financial information to scammers. If you think you're being scammed or something doesn't feel right, stop contact with the scammer immediately and speak to someone – a friend, family member, the University or [Scamwatch](#).

Visit our [scams webpage](#) to learn what to do if you've been scammed and familiarise yourself with common scams and how to avoid them.

Join the Fashion Revolution



This year marks the 10th anniversary of Fashion Revolution Week. From Monday 15 April, there are a range of free events and activities on campus for you to get involved in and campaign for a better fashion industry. [See the full list of events and find out how you can contribute to a more sustainable world](#) this Fashion Revolution Week.

Stitch Craft launch

On Tuesday 16 April, join us for the [launch of Stitch Craft](#), a new slow fashion hub on campus where you can repair, recycle and remake your clothes. Head to ThinkSpace from 11:30 am for morning tea and an enlightening seminar on fighting fast fashion, presented by Australasian Campuses Towards Sustainability (ACTS).

Mending 101

Stitch your beloved items back to life at the [mending workshop](#). From sewing on buttons to repairing holes in fabric and hand stitching a hem, learn from our experienced Peer Learning Advisors simple skills that will have you mending and repairing your broken garments on Wednesday 17 April from 2–4 pm in the ThinkSpace Library.

Crochet workshop

Keen to make your own crochet clothing? Learn the basics to get you started with a [crocheting workshop](#) facilitated by the USYD Random Acts of Kindness Society. Learn how to hold the hook and yarn plus how to make a slip knot, basic stitch and more on Wednesday 24 April from 2–5 pm in the ThinkSpace Library.

Register with Inclusion and Disability Services for exam support

If you have a disability, medical condition, or carer responsibilities (temporary or ongoing) which could 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.

What's happening at Sydney



Don't miss the Festival of Creativity

The [Festival of Creativity](#) runs from Monday 15 to Friday 19 April. Hear from emerging artists at Verge Gallery, brush up on your make-up skills, satisfy your tastebuds by creating the perfect macaron, go on a gallery crawl, and more as you explore your creative side on campus.



Mary Shelley and the three-decker novel

During the 19th century, novels were initially published in three volumes, hence the name 'three-decker novel'. Join Professor Emeritus Margaret Harris on Thursday 18 April from 5:30 pm for a free [talk at Fisher Library analysing the three-decker novel](#), using an early example of Mary Shelley's 'The Last Man'.



A night of music, poetry, and comedy

Join us for an electrifying night at the [People of Colour Revue's Live Concert & Open Mic](#), at the Law Lawns from 5 pm on Friday 19 April. Showcase your talent through song, poetry or comedy, or simply enjoy the free food and vibrant performances. Tickets are free, any donations received will go towards the PoC revue season. Please register online.



Help shape the SXSW Sydney you want to see

What would you like to see take the stage at SXSW Sydney? The weeklong festival where tech, innovation, games, music and screen industries converge returns in October 2024. Be part of shaping the program and [support our University by voting for our community's SXSW proposals](#) by Monday 22 April.



Mapping Southeast Asia's political landscape

The annual [Politics in Action forum](#) is on Thursday 9 May. Hear about the latest developments shaping Southeast Asia's socio-political fabric, featuring engaging discussions from esteemed scholars and experts on Australia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore and Vietnam.

Career opportunities



Are you ready for the adventure of a lifetime?

Gain invaluable international experience and accelerate your studies while living and studying in California during the June–July semester break with the UCLA Study Abroad program.

Join an upcoming [UCLA Study Abroad information session](#) to learn about eligibility criteria, funding opportunities, accommodation, units of study, and how to apply. Applications close on Monday 22 April.



Vote in the SUPRA General Council Election 2024

Voting is now open for the [Sydney University Postgraduate Research Association \(SUPRA\) Council General Elections](#). SUPRA is the postgraduate student union at Sydney, and is run by a democratically elected

council of postgraduate students.

If you're a postgraduate student, become a SUPRA member for free to vote in the election. Voting closes Wednesday 24 April, with elected candidates announced by Friday 26 April.

Shape the future of quantum technology



Elevate your career, gain industry-ready skills, and collaborate with world leading quantum experts with a [Quantum PhD Scholarship](#) from Sydney Quantum Academy.

Funding of over \$37,000 per annum for four years is available for postgraduate

candidates undertaking research and training in a field related to quantum science and technology. Applications are open now and close 15 May.



Social shoutout

Check out what [@tilly.gov.au](#) got up to during an incredible few weeks up in Far North QLD with [@girringunaboriginalcorp](#) and Service Learning in Indigenous Communities [@slic_usyd](#) as part of her classes this semester.

Tag [@sydney_uni](#) or [#usyd](#) for your chance to be featured.

Don't forget to join us on [Instagram](#), [TikTok](#), [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#) and [WeChat](#).

Student resources

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