



22 April 2024

Week 9, Semester 1

It's Week 9, Chloe, which means we're well into Semester 1. We recognise it's been a challenging time for our community, with the tragedies in Sydney and ongoing conflict in the Middle East, so this week we've highlighted support services and resources available to you. In this week's edition, we also share how you can commemorate Anzac Day with us this Thursday 25 April and what makes for a winning application to Student Life Grants.

Trending this week



How to bring your project idea to life with a Student Life Grant

Have an idea for an event, activity or project that seeks to enrich campus life and strengthen our student community?

[Learn how to craft a winning application for a Student Life Grant](#) and receive up to \$3000 in project funding and development support.



Commemorate Anzac Day at our dawn service

Anzac Day is a national day of remembrance for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps (ANZACs) soldiers who lost their lives during military service, and to honour those who have served and continue to serve our country today.

Dawn services are held each year on 25 April to commemorate the time of the original landing of the ANZACs in Gallipoli during World War I. Join us in the Quadrangle from 5 am on Tuesday 25 April for our traditional [Anzac Day Dawn Service](#). The service is open to our University community and will reflect on the different meanings and lasting legacy of war.

Need to know

- No classes will be held on Thursday 25 April due to the Anzac Day public holiday.
 - If external events, such as the tragedies in Sydney and ongoing conflict in the Middle East, 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.
 - 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.
 - The submission deadline for the [School of Computer Science's Coding Fest](#) has been extended to Friday 17 May.
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Access support to help you thrive in your studies

As we pass the mid-point of semester, we wanted to remind you of the various support services and resources available to you. Visit the [Student Portal](#) to access key services, including:

- **Learning Hub:** access learning support and attend workshops, peer programs and individual consultations to help build your academic skills.
 - **Advice around your study choices:** have your questions answered by an expert.
 - **Wellbeing support:** access free and confidential health, wellbeing and personal supports.
 - **1:1 Student Advising:** talk with an advisor about study-related decisions, how to achieve your academic and personal goals, and where to seek further advice and support.
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University news



PhD candidate Jiale Zhu is researching how native trees reinforce sloping terrain.

Planting more native trees reduces landslide risk

Landslides typically occur under heavy rain. With the potential for increased precipitation due to climate change and a possible return to La Nina, Sydney researchers find that reinforcing slopes with native trees and shrubs could be an effective, economical and [sustainable solution to reducing landslide risk](#).



From left to right: Philip Kent, Lisa Jackson Pulver, Jessie Waratah, and Deborah Cheetham Fraillon.

Walking on Country artwork launch

The [artwork *Walking on Country* by Warlpiri and Gamilaraay artist Jessie Waratah](#) was [officially launched in Fisher Library](#) earlier this month, connecting our spaces to local Gadigal Country and inviting us to remember that we are always on Aboriginal land.



Ali Besiso.

Alumnus Ali Besiso improving health care through innovation

From studying health sciences at university to leading two successful digital health startups, we caught up with alumnus Ali Besiso to learn more about [how the digital era is reshaping patient care worldwide](#), and how studying at Sydney helped him find his feet in the professional world.

Have your say on USU's Reconciliation Action Plan

The University of Sydney Union (USU) is seeking your feedback on their first [Reconciliation Action Plan](#) – a strategic, action-based plan designed to help drive greater reconciliation with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples through areas of inclusion, employment, education, training, and procurement. The feedback survey closes next Monday 29 April.

What's happening at Sydney



Celebrate Earth Day with plant pot painting

Celebrate Earth day at USU's [plant pot decorating workshop](#) from 12–4 pm today, 22 April at Manning Bar. Cultivate new friendships and green thumb skills while creating a new home for your beloved plants. Tickets are \$5 and all supplies are provided.



Unlock the secrets of content creation

Check out the [Creator Clues](#) workshop on Friday 26 April from 12:30 pm on campus for expert insights on crafting compelling content, creating viral hits, building a personal brand, and monetising your efforts. Don't miss your opportunity to hear from guest speakers, engage in interactive sessions, and win prizes.



Learn about Australian Indigenous culture

G'day Gatherings provide a space for international students to learn more about Australian life. Come along to the [First Nations: Indigenous Culture session](#) from 1:30 pm on Tuesday 30 April at Manning Bar to learn about the history and culture of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.



Network, socialise and learn at PubTalks

[PubTalks: The Biomedical Science and Engineering Social Seminar Series](#) provides students with opportunities to present their work, learn about research in a low-pressure environment, and network with peers across

disciplines. Come along to Hermann's on Tuesday 30 April from 5:30 pm.



Illustrating anatomy – Renaissance art and science

A new exhibition on level 3 of Fisher Library highlights the revolutionary medical works and influence of Andreas Vesalius (1514-1564), known as the 'father of modern anatomy'. You can [view a variety of rare items from the Library's Vesaliana collection](#) until Sunday 30 June.

Bangarra Dance Theatre presents Horizon

From a cross-collaboration among the First Peoples of the Oceania region comes a brand-new work: [Horizon](#). Join Bangarra Dance Theatre at the Sydney Opera House from 11 June to 13 July to explore the cultural forces that bind us together, across oceans and eons. [Bangarra is proud to offer discounted tickets to students under 30](#) on A and B reserve seating.

Get involved in our community

Get published in the University of Sydney Anthology

Submissions are now open for the [2024 University of Sydney Anthology](#). The Anthology editors are looking for engaging and thought-provoking short stories, essays and poems that explore the theme of belonging. Writers from all backgrounds and experience levels are encouraged to submit their work by Monday 31 July.

Join the Vteam and contribute to our thriving campus life

Volunteering with the [USU Vteam](#) is a great way to make friends, get involved in your campus community and have fun. There are plenty of opportunities to volunteer, including festivals, parties, workshops, food trucks and more. Visit the USU website for more information and to apply.

Student resources

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

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