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Welcome to your first edition of *Student News* for Semester 2, Mack!

Student News, the University's all-student newsletter, is sent to you at the beginning of each week and includes important information about your studies, learning and career opportunities, and what's happening on and around campus. Make sure you check your student email regularly so you don't miss out.

In this edition, we share how you can get involved in this semester's Welcome Program, a sneak-peek of USU's flagship music festival Someday Soon, and free events and talks happening across our campuses.

Welcome to Semester 2

A message from Joanne Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)



Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education), Joanne Wright

Dear students,

I hope you're enjoying the break and are excited for the semester ahead.

For those joining us for the first time, welcome to the University. I look forward to seeing you on campus for our [Semester 2 Welcome Program](#), which begins today.

For those returning for another semester of study, I wanted to encourage you, too, to get involved in our Welcome Program. The Program is your opportunity to help our new students feel welcome, as well as set yourself up for success through study skills workshops and academic and career planning sessions and re-connect with your peers at our social events, taking place throughout the first four weeks of semester.

University is far more than what you learn in the classroom, so I encourage you all to truly immerse yourself in student life by making the most of the opportunities available to you here.

Enjoy the rest of your break and see you on campus soon.

Best,
Joanne

Professor Joanne Wright
Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)

Get involved in student life



Experience live music on campus across two huge nights

Manning Bar, our very own music venue on campus, is turning 50 this year, so what better way to celebrate than with two jam-packed nights of live entertainment?

[Someday Soon](#), the USU's flagship music festival, will be celebrating 50 years of Manning Bar across two nights – 21 August and 18 September. Look forward to hearing from DMA's, Rum Jungle and Hannah Brewer in August, and Emei, William Singe and J. Tajor in September.

Don't miss out on the exclusive pre-sale for students and USU members, starting at 10 am on Monday 22 July. Pre-sale tickets are only \$20, so you'll want to get in quick!



Our Semester 2 Welcome Program – more than just orientation

Whether you're going into your first or fifth semester, there's plenty of reasons to get involved in our [Semester 2 Welcome Program](#).

From joining clubs and societies, scoring freebies and making new friends at [USU's Welcome Fest](#) to attending degree-planning sessions, faculty and school welcome events, and campus tours, there's something for everyone at Welcome. Check out the [Welcome Planner](#) to browse and register for events.

Free and affordable events from USU



23 July | Campus Race

Kick off semester with some friendly competition at [Campus Race](#)! On Tuesday 23 July, complete fun challenges, win cool prizes, and make new friends as you get to know our Camperdown/Darlington campus inside out.



30 July | Movie night at The Refectory

Spend a [circus-themed evening](#) at The Refectory enjoying live entertainment, a screening of *The Greatest Showman*, and free popcorn, beverages and s'mores from 5 pm on Wednesday 30 July. Registration is essential, so get in quick!



31 July | Party at Manning

Enjoy iconic 2000s music, cheap food and drinks, and great vibes on Wednesday 31 July from 6 pm at [Party at Manning Y2K edition](#). Entry is only \$10 for students, so get your friends together and secure your tickets today.

Need to know

- Ensure your [personal and contact information](#) is up to date in Sydney Student. Go to 'My details', then 'Address and residency' to update your Australian mobile number, residential address and personal email.
- Beware of scams impersonating the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) or myGov, which are most common around tax time from July to October. Know [how to spot scams](#) and never reveal any personal information or send any money over the phone or online to someone you don't know.
- Have overdue library books? Return them before the [Library's amnesty period](#) ends on Friday 19 July to have your fines waived.

Free events on campus

18 July | Panel at Chau Chak Wing Museum

Join the Chau Chak Wing Museum on Thursday 18 July from 6 pm at the China Gallery for a [panel conversation to launch the publication *Chinese Toggles: Culture in Miniature*](#). The panel will be chaired by Dr Paul Donnelly, Deputy Director of the Chau Chak Wing Museum.

25 July | Pride Culture Club at the Con

Pride Culture Club is a space for LGBTQIA+ students, staff and allies to share their passion for queer culture. Join the Library for their [July instalment of Pride Culture Club](#) featuring live musical performances from LGBTQIA+ artists at the Conservatorium of Music from 4–6 pm, Thursday 25 July.



Complete Migrant Justice Institute's survey for the chance to win a \$200 gift voucher

The Migrant Justice Institute want to hear about your experiences working in Australia through their [Temporary Migrant Work Survey](#). By taking the survey, you're helping researchers recommend improvements to Australian laws and policies, and ensure all students experience safe and fair working conditions.

You're eligible to complete the survey if you've worked in Australia on a temporary visa. The survey is anonymous and confidential, takes about 10-13 minutes to complete, and upon completion you can enter a prize draw to win one of 50 \$200 Mastercard gift vouchers.

If the survey has raised wellbeing concerns for you, connect with [Student Wellbeing](#) for free and confidential support. If you would like to discuss issues relating to modern slavery, connect with the [Safer Communities Office](#).

What's happening at Sydney



Accelerate your startup's growth with Genesis

Ready to commercialise your idea, technology, or startup? [Apply for Genesis](#) cohort 34 before 31 July, the Business School's startup program that includes access to mentoring, partners, customers, and investors.



2024 Shakespeare Memorial Lecture

Hear from Kylie Bracknell, author of *Hecate* at the [2024 Shakespeare Memorial Lecture](#) on Thursday 18 July, 5 pm at the Chau Chak Wing Museum. *Hecate* is the first ever adaptation of a complete Shakespeare play (*Macbeth*) in an Aboriginal language of Australia.



Enhance your career through Work Integrated Learning

Explore the range of [Work Integrated Learning \(WIL\) opportunities available to you](#) throughout your studies to help boost your employability and prepare you for the future.



Learn the language of coding at this year's Coding Fest

Enjoy tech talks from Citadel Securities, Macquarie and Red Piranha, connect with likeminded peers and industry professionals, and have the chance to win some amazing prizes at the [School of Computer Science's annual Coding Fest](#) on Tuesday 23 July.



Free tea and treats at the Library

Come down to Fisher Library for a [welcome tea for international students](#) on Tuesday 23 July from 11 am and Wednesday 24 July from 3 pm. Meet and connect with fellow students and friendly library staff while enjoying tea and delicious treats.

What are you looking forward to in Semester 2?

Taking a new Unit of Study

Joining a new club or society

Exploring a new part of campus

Catching up with friends



Make the most of job opportunities at Sydney

Searching for a casual job while you study? Check out our [recent post on Instagram](#) for our tips to scouting out the best student jobs on and off campus.

Recognise and celebrate our community



Nominate an exceptional individual for an Honorary Award

Know someone that's made an outstanding contribution to the University, their field or society? Nominate them for an [Honorary Award](#) by 31 July.

Nominations for an Honorary Award are of the highest calibre, so please carefully consider the selection criteria and examples of [past Honorary Award recipients](#) when making your nomination. If you have any questions about the Honorary Award categories or how to nominate, email honorary.awards@sydney.edu.au.



Olaitan Ogunbodede, International Student of the Year 2023

Recognise an outstanding international student

Nominations for the [Study NSW International Student of the Year Award](#) are now open. All nominations require a [supporting letter from the University](#). If you have questions about the awards or would like to self-nominate, contact studentlife.office@sydney.edu.au.

Student resources

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

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