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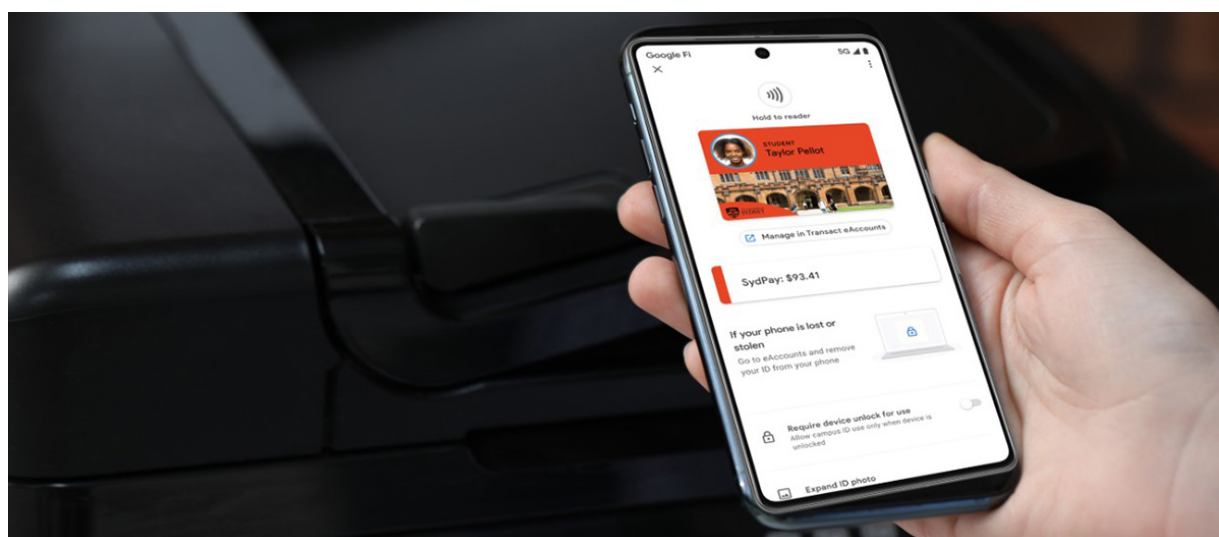
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Welcome to your second edition of *Student News* for Semester 2, Sample!

We're just one week away from classes starting and from USU's Welcome Fest, which both begin on Monday 29 July. In today's edition, find out how you can make the most of Welcome Fest, from scoring freebies to joining clubs and societies.

We also share how you can access your student ID card on your mobile or smart watch, apply for the Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship, and cheer on your classmates at the 2024 Olympics in Paris.

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Access your student ID on your device

Digital student ID cards are now available, meaning you can tap your iPhone, Apple Watch, Samsung Galaxy, or other eligible Android devices at readers across campus to access buildings,

borrow from the Library, use printers, and more. Find out [how to sign up for a student digital ID card](#).



Get ready for USU's Welcome Fest!

Taking place on Monday 29 July and Tuesday 30 July on Camperdown/Darlington campus, USU's [Welcome Fest](#) is the perfect start to Semester 2 with heaps of freebies on offer, over 180 club and society stall to explore, and free events and activities to take part in.

Take your studies to the next level with a Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship

Apply for the 2025 [Westpac Future Leaders Scholarship](#) and you could receive up to \$120,000 in funding to support your studies, as well as access to bespoke leadership training, mentoring and networking experiences. Want to learn more? Register for the [Westpac Future Leaders information session](#), held online on Wednesday 7 August, 1:30 pm.



Jack Boyse, 2024 Future Leader.

"The Westpac Future Leaders Scholarships means having greater freedom to focus on my research and having access to valuable equipment to enrich my practice. It means having the opportunity for lifechanging experiences both in Australia and abroad, and having incredible opportunities to fast-track my professional development towards having a powerful positive impact." – Jack Boyse, 2024 Future Leader.

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- Make sure you can access your University accounts by familiarising yourself with [how to set up, use and transfer Okta Verify](#), the University's multi-factor authentication tool. Have questions about Okta Verify or multi-factor authentication (MFA). Visit the [MFA Frequently Asked Questions page](#) to find the answer.
 - Ensure you complete [all the steps of enrolment](#) by Friday 26 July to start your studies in Semester 2 2024. Enrol online by logging in to [Sydney Student](#). Go to 'My studies' then 'Enrolment' and you're set to go.
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University news



New research about ancient life in Saudi Arabia

A team of researchers led by Jane McMahon from the [Discipline of Archaeology](#) find [new evidence](#) that reveals the complex diet, tools, and even jewellery worn in the Neolithic period.



Dracula reimaged on the stage

Associate Professor in English Literature [Huw Griffiths](#) reviews [Kip Williams' queer reinterpretation of Dracula](#), now playing at the Sydney Theatre Company.



Why real wages have fallen in Australia

Australia's real wages have fallen by 4.8 percent since the pre-pandemic period.

[Professor John Buchanan explores the reasons behind Australia's lagging wages](#), examining factors such as inflation and policy changes.

Beware of contract cheating companies – seek free and legitimate help from us

Over the next few weeks, you may be approached by companies claiming to offer tutoring assistance – ‘assignment help’, ‘exam help’, ‘study groups’, ‘essay writing’ or similar. These costly services are often not legitimate and if you engage with them, you risk taking part in contract cheating.

The University offers a range of free and legitimate support [including Studiosity, an online service](#) that provides feedback and guidance on assessable work, 24/7. If you see anything suspicious or concerning during the Welcome Period, please contact educational.integrity@sydney.edu.au.

Cheering on our community in Paris



Did you know that some of your peers are competing at the 2024 Olympics in Paris? Among the 34 athletes from our University community who have qualified for the Games, seven are current

students. Cheer on our athletes and keep up to date with their results via the [Sydney Uni Sport's Paris Athlete Tracker](#).



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How women skateboarders are flipping the script ahead of the Olympics

University of Sydney sociologist and avid skateboarder Dr Indigo Willing flips the script on stereotypes as she explores [how to make skateboarding more inclusive for girls, women, and gender diverse skaters](#).



Balancing sport with study: University alumni head to Paris

With the Olympics fast approaching, find out how [athletes from the University community balance sport with study](#), with support from the University's Elite Athlete Program.

Students attempt every Olympic event in one week

With the help of Sydney Uni Sport, current students Lachlan and Elliot have [documented themselves attempting every Olympic sport in one week](#), making use of the sporting facilities available through the University.

Tips to help you enter the world of work

Are you searching for employment or currently working in Australia? The [Fair Work Ombudsman is holding a free webinar on Wednesday 24 July from 11 am](#) with important information on workplace rights and conflict resolution tactics. Registrations for the event are now open.

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Display your creative work on campus

Interested in showcasing your artwork, written or musical piece, or short film to your University community? Have the chance to win up to \$1250 by submitting your creative work to the [USU Creative Awards](#). Applications close Sunday 25 August, so start preparing your submission!



Connect with peers around the world at USU's Language Exchange Launch Party

Whether you're a beginner or native speaker, the [USU Language Exchange Program](#) is a fun, flexible and free way to make multilingual friends and learn something new.



Kick off semester at the Library

From creating zines to connecting with new friends over croissants, there's [tons of events to explore at the Library](#), all the way through Week 2.



Attend the Just Cause Season 2 launch at Sydney Law School

Want to learn about the social justice work taking place at Sydney? Come along to the [Season 2 launch of Just Cause on Tuesday 6 August](#). Just Cause is a collaborative podcast between Sydney Law School staff and students.

Student resources

Student website | Canvas | Student Portal | Sydney Student | Key dates | Student life, wellbeing and support | Scams support

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