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Week 1, Semester 2

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Welcome to Week 1, Mack!

Classes have officially kicked off for Semester 2 and USU's Welcome Fest is well underway. We hope you enjoy exploring clubs and societies, reconnecting with peers and meeting your teachers.

In today's edition of *Student News*, we share some research undertaken by the Charles Perkins Centre, student discounts at the Sydney Opera House and Seymour Centre, plus birthday celebrations for Verge Gallery.

## Top stories



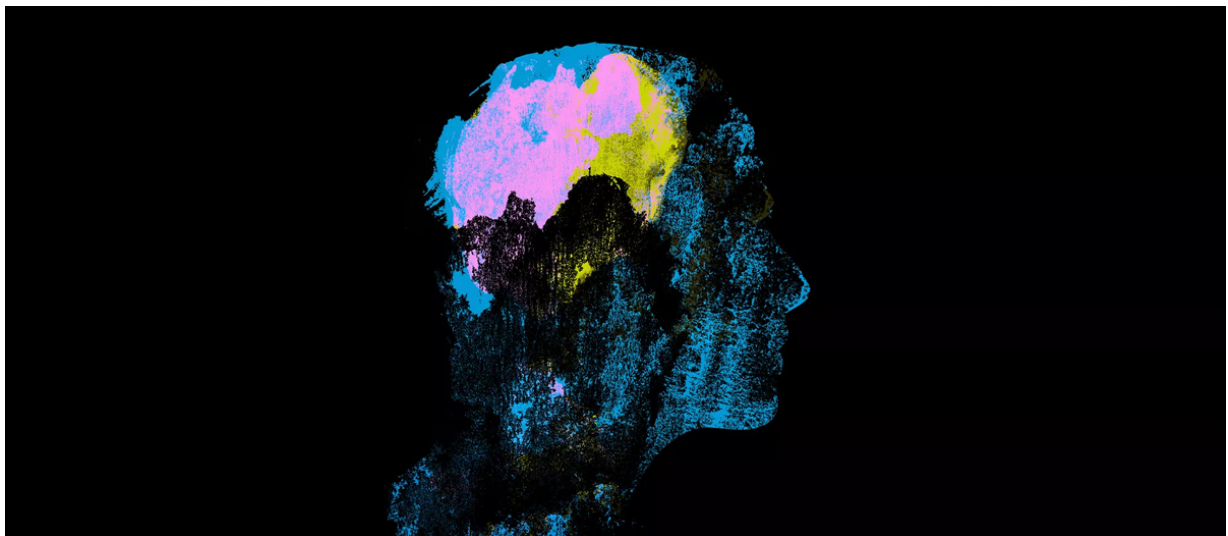
## Jump into campus life with USU's Welcome Fest

Celebrate the start of Semester 2 with USU's Welcome Fest on Camperdown/Darlington campus Monday 29 July and Tuesday 30 July. [Check out the official Welcome Fest map](#) for the inside scoop on where to find club and society stalls, events and even freebies over the two days.



## How to prepare for classes and ace Semester 2

Whether you're beginning your first semester or your fifth, the start of classes can be overwhelming. We've pulled together a [list of things you can do to make getting to class easier](#), and help your semester sail a little smoother.



## Your Brain on AI

For National Science Week on 17 August, the University of Sydney is proud to be a co-presenter for Your Brain on AI, a Sydney Opera House event about intelligence, human agency, and consciousness. [Get your student discount from the Opera House today.](#)

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## Just starting University?

Be sure to read our guide for new students, your one-stop-shop for all queries and questions as a

newly enrolled student.

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## Need to know

- The Campus Access Policy provides clearer information about our expectations and requirements of conduct on campus. [Answers to frequently asked questions \(FAQs\) about the Campus Access Policy](#) are now available to help you understand the policy.
  - We've released our third [Sustainability Strategy Annual Report](#) which showcases our achievements and challenges in 2023 and sets a path for our ongoing efforts.
  - Student nominations open on Monday 12 August for Senate, Academic Board, Faculty Board, University School Board, Faculty, and University School positions. For a list positions available, key dates and the nominations process, [visit the Student Elections webpage](#). For further information, please email [secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au](mailto:secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au).
  - 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 \(IDS\)](#). To be approved for adjustments in your Semester 2 formal exams, you will need to be registered with IDS by Wednesday 25 September.
  - We're committed to ensuring you understand sexual consent and what respectful relationships look like. If you're a new student or have transferred courses this semester, you must complete the compulsory [Consent Matters module](#) on Canvas. If you don't complete this module by Monday 2 September, you will not be able to access your results at the end of semester, unless you've received an exemption.
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## Need help with an academic integrity or misconduct case?

If you're facing academic integrity or misconduct allegations, caseworkers from [Students' Representative Council \(SRC\)](#) (for undergraduates) or [Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association \(SUPRA\)](#) can support you for free.

Don't use external services that falsely claim high success rates – these services charge large fees and encourage unethical practices. The University will only engage with registered legal practitioners.

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## University news



### Say goodbye to jet lag

Recently come back from a holiday overseas? [Evidence-based research from the Charles Perkins Centre](#) is set to revolutionise long-haul travel with smart cabin lighting that simulates sunsets and sunrises to align your body clock to your destination's time zone while you're in the air.



### New antidote for cobra bites discovered

Gene-editing technology research at the University has revealed that a commonly used [blood thinner can be repurposed as an inexpensive antidote for cobra venom](#).



### Trying to stay warm in bed this winter?

As we prepare for a cold week ahead, Dr Mark De Vitis from the Discipline of Art History explores [how those in pre-industrial Europe braved the winter](#). Some tips, like sharing the bed with a cuddly companion, may still be of use!

## Nominate for student elections

Nominations are now open for the [Annual Elections of the Students' Representative Council \(SRC\)](#). All undergraduate students can nominate for election. Nominations open on 23 July and close on 16 August. Voting takes place on campus on 24, 25, 26 September.

## Events



## Student discounts at Seymour!

Love Black Mirror and all things sci-fi? Receive a \$20 student ticket for Saturday matinee performances of *Arlington*, a dark fable of surveillance, isolation and hope. From 2–24 August, [get your discounted Seymour Centre tickets now!](#)



## Art, satire, and celebration: 15 years of Verge Gallery

Celebrate Verge's 15th birthday on Thursday 1 August, from 5:30 pm, with the opening of 'Opting Out' a student performance that takes a satirical look at the relationship between labour and leisure. [Register your interest for 'Opting Out'](#) to enjoy live music, refreshments, and even some birthday cake!



## Stay in the know about the 2024 US election

Hear from New York Times journalist David Sanger and as he explains what the United States presidential election means for Australia and the world. [Register for Election Watch 2024](#), taking place Monday 5 August, from 6 pm at The Refectory.



## Sustainability trail tours

Know where the 100+ year old endangered Wollemi Pine is on campus? Or where we can recycle 500 kilograms of organic waste daily? [Let the Sustainability team welcome you to campus](#) for Semester 2 as you explore sustainability in action!

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*What's happening at Sydney*





## 2024 Wingarra Djuraliyin

Sydney Law School is proud to host the [annual Wingarra Djuraliyin public lecture](#) on 9 August 6–7:30 pm. Showcasing Indigenous perspectives on law, 2024's lecture is “Critical Legal Juxtapositions: Practice and Decision-Making”, delivered by Professor Val Napoleon from the University of Victoria, Canada.



## Visit the United States during the presidential elections

The [US Presidential Study Tour](#), run in collaboration with the University of Southern California, gives you the opportunity to travel to Los Angeles and Washington, D.C. during the country's most important political event. Applications for the Tour close this Friday 2 August.



## Indigenous student led events

The Library is [inviting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students](#) to share their cultural knowledge, practices and research interests. There are four spaces available for the program, and applicants will be paid. Applications close at 5 pm, Friday 2 August.



## Spring Careers Fair

Whether you're actively looking for work or just want to see what's out there, the [Spring Careers Fair](#) is the perfect opportunity to speak directly to employers. Register now to chat internships, grad roles, and career pathways from 12-4 pm Thursday 1 August at Great Hall & MacLaurin Hall.

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## Student spotlight



Congratulations to Ray Adrián Macalalag, Master of Transport student for being appointed to the [Youth Leadership Board of the Global Youth Coalition for Road Safety](#), a group of passionate young people from around the world taking action on safer mobility and championing youth participation in road safety and beyond.

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## Student resources

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

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