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Welcome to Week 2, Mack!

For Week 1, we brought you a jam-packed edition of *Student News* and Week 2 is no different.

In today's edition, we look back at 50 years of Manning Bar and share a sneak-peek of USU's upcoming music festival Someday Soon, share how you can show off your design skills to win \$1000, and how to stay sharp this semester with our new therapeutic programs.

Plus, read on to discover how you can kick-start your career while studying, and how our students, here and overseas, are representing the University.

Beware of contract cheating - a message from Professor Joanne Wright, Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Education)



Dear students,

During the Welcome period, we have seen a concerning increase in advertising activity from suspected contract cheating companies on and near campus.

'Contract cheating' is when all or part of a student's work is done by someone else, usually in exchange for money. Contract cheating companies might call themselves 'tutoring' services, homework helpers, ghost writers, exam helpers, or similar. They may even appear to be connected with the University referencing our Units of Study or by using our brand colours and logos.

Our students are being approached by contract cheating companies and given merchandise, flyers and other promotional materials. Students have also been added to private group chats or asked for their Unikey details, which you should never provide. I encourage you to learn more about [how to identify contract cheating companies](#). [Read more from Joanne](#).

Top stories



50 years of music at Manning

From INXS to Tame Impala, Manning Bar has attracted scores of homegrown talent in its 50-year history. Take a look at [Manning's rich musical history](#) and the upcoming Someday Soon festival, with not one but two huge nights of live music.



Design a hoodie for the chance to win \$1000

Have a creative flair you wish to share? The hoodie design competition is back! Show us how Sydney 'makes it happen' for you by [submitting your unique design](#) by Sunday 11 August.



How to use generative AI in the classroom

All students have access to Microsoft Copilot, a generative artificial intelligence (AI) tool. [Learn how Copilot works and how to use it securely](#), as well as rules for using AI in the classroom and for assessments.

Need to know

- [Digital student ID cards](#) are now available, meaning you can tap your device at readers across campus to access buildings, borrow from the Library, and more. Have a question about the new digital IDs? [Find the answer in our knowledge base for digital cards](#).
- Friday 9 August is the deadline for adding Semester 2 units. [Log in to Sydney Student](#) (go to 'My studies', then 'Units of study') to check your units.
- Smoking, including e-cigarettes and vaping, is prohibited on campus, except in designated smoking areas. [View our Smoke-Free Environment Policy \(pdf, 193KB\)](#) for more information, and keep informed about the [risks of smoking](#) and [vaping](#).

Cheer on our community in Paris



The 2024 Paris Olympics are well and truly up and running, with Australia off to a strong start! Did you know that despite only making up 0.3 percent of the population, Australia's 460 athletes make up 5 percent of total Olympians? Of those 460, 34 are part of the University of Sydney community, including Jess Fox, an alumnus, as well as current students, and members of the Elite Athlete Program.

Keep up to date on their achievements using the [Paris Athlete Tracker](#) from Sydney Uni Sport.

Stay sharp this semester



Recover from academic setbacks

Develop strategies to build resilience and learn how to recover from academic setbacks faster with our new program. The program spans over seven 90-minute sessions, starting from Tuesday 13 August. [Register your interest to take part in the Comeback Crew.](#)



Balance mental fitness with academic performance

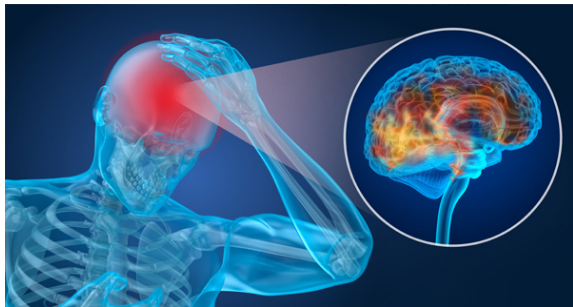
Learn how you can balance academic performance with mental wellbeing via six 90-minute sessions. Boost your resilience and connect with peers by [registering for Thrive and Strive this semester](#).

University news



Eureka Prize 2024 finalists announced

Our researchers have been recognised for their contributions and achievements in early career research, environmental research, STEM inclusion and more. [Find out more about the Eureka Prize finalists and their accomplishments](#).



New app for concussion patients

Concussion symptoms typically resolve in a few days, but for some the effects can last weeks or even years. Following years of research, the [HeadCheck app is now available](#) to assist patients and health care professionals manage their symptoms.

Nominate for student elections

Student nominations will open next Monday, 12 August 2024, for Senate, Academic Board, Faculty Board, University School Board, Faculty, and University School positions. For a list of positions available, key dates and the nominations process, visit the [Student Elections webpage](#). To seek any further information, please email secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au.

Student spotlight



Jake Magi, Photo credit: Stefanie Zingsheim

What an exchange to Arnhem Land taught one Sydney student about the power of music

On exchange to Maningrida in the heart of Arnhem Land, Sydney Conservatorium of Music student and Awabakal/Gadigal man Jake Magi [learnt how music can help connect young people with education in remote Australia.](#)



Students fly out for University Scholars Leadership Symposium

17 of our high achieving students from across the University have departed for Bangkok to attend the University Scholars Leadership Symposium (USLS). Across four days, students will have the opportunity to meet hundreds of like-minded peers from other universities and participate in a series of workshops, showcases and talks.

Events

Robo Derby

Get ready for an adrenaline-pumping, remote-controlled showdown! Join us for the Robo Derby, where the fastest remote-controlled cars will battle it out on [Cadigal Green Thursday 8 August from 3 pm](#). Whether you're a seasoned racer or a curious newbie, this event is for everyone who loves speed, tech, and a bit of friendly competition.

The Species Showdown

Earth versus space? Human intelligence versus artificial intelligence? Engage your mind and [join us on 14 August from 6:30 pm for Species Showdown](#), where six University scientists face off in a battle of wits about the survival of species on our planet.

Climate Anxiety Workshop

Find yourself overwhelmed by the effects of climate change? Hear from experts and discuss practical methods to [navigate climate anxiety in this interactive event](#) on Wednesday 7 August from 1–2 pm at F23.

Kick off your career at Sydney



Receive financial support while undertaking a Work Integrated Learning unit

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) units are a great way to develop your professional skills and gain real-world experience in the workplace. We understand that taking a Work Integrated Learning unit may have impacts on your financial situation. We're committed to providing support to students who may experience financial hardship, ensuring they

Forge your career path before you graduate

There's still time to enrol in [Design your Future – OLE2617](#) for Semester 2, a six credit point Unit of Study that gives you the tools and frameworks to create your ideal career path. Find out how you can take advantage of career and professional learning opportunities at Sydney by watching the [Innovate your Career webinar](#).

can participate in experiences that provide development opportunities.

Find out more about financial support and [general bursaries](#), including eligibility and how to apply.

What's happening at Sydney



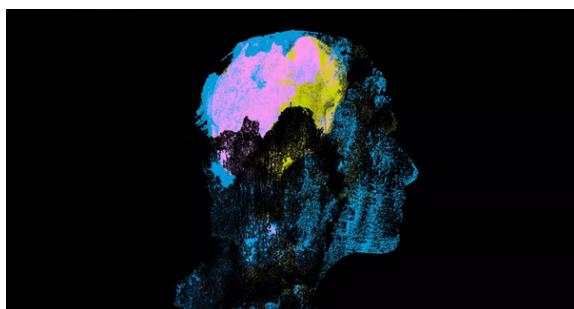
Museum in Motion: MADSOC takes over

Dancers from the USU's MADSOC (Movement and Dance Society) will be taking over the galleries of the Chau Chak Wing Museum [for a series of performances on Tuesday 13 August](#).



2024 Future Nexus Forum: China's Galaxy Empire

Presented by Professor John Keane, this session will cover the impacts of China's expanding influence to offer a comprehensive understanding of China's role in shaping global political and economic landscapes. [Register for the Future Nexus Forum on Thursday 15 August from 6 pm](#).



15 percent off Your Brain on AI event

Join University of Sydney AI expert Dr Sandra Peter plus Paul Davies, Inês Hipólito and Brett Kagan at the Sydney Opera House to explore a future where artificial intelligence intersects with human cognition, consciousness, and even life itself. [Current students can claim a 15 percent discount using this link](#).

Stay organised with the Study Dashboard on the Student Portal

From creating and managing to-do lists to seeing all your units at a glance, [the new Study Dashboard](#), available on the Student Portal, is your personalised tool to keep on top of your studies this semester. Watch our 30-second [Study Dashboard demonstration video](#), which shows you how to navigate and use the feature.

Student resources

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

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