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Welcome to Week 5, Mack!

This week, we spotlight a transformative scholarship benefiting seven international students, celebrate 150 years of USU, your student union, and invite you to showcase your creative talents on campus.

Read on to discover an innovative driverless tech trial, explore ways to stay fueled on campus, and share your thoughts on the Sydney Metro extension.

Plus, we're excited to share a variety of events across campus. From USU's Wear It Purple party to an introduction to artificial intelligence, there's something for everyone to get involved.

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## Top stories



Scholarship winners. Photo credit: Fiona Wolf

## Scholarship helps international students from disadvantaged communities

Seven international students from disadvantaged backgrounds have started their postgraduate studies with us with the help of the [Sydney International Equity Scholarship](#) worth more than \$100,000 annually for each recipient.



O-Week, 2001

## Celebrating 150 years of USU

For more than a century, USU has played an integral part in fostering student culture and campus life at our University. Learn more about USU's history as a hub for student activities, performing arts, live music and more on the [USU 150 years webpage](#), as well as events and activities on offer to celebrate this huge milestone.



Estelle Yoon, “세세세 (sse-sse-sse)” 16mm video (still), 2023. Art Category Winner, 2023.

## USU Creative Awards deadline extended

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 have been extended to Sunday 1 September, don't miss out!

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## Need to know

- The [census date](#) for Semester 2 is Monday, 2 September. Double check your units of study, and make sure you've submitted any HELP assistance forms and paid any necessary fees. If you'd like to [withdraw from any units of study](#), [suspend your studies](#) or [discontinue your course](#) you'll also need to do this by census.
- On 25 July, the 18th and 19th Chancellors of the University of Sydney announced an external review to ensure that going forward we have the appropriate policies and procedures in place to create a campus that is a safe, respectful and inclusive place for all



students and staff. We now invite students, staff and interested members of the community to make a submission to that review. Please send your submission to [usydexternalreview@counsel.net.au](mailto:usydexternalreview@counsel.net.au). Submissions will close at 5 pm on 23 September 2024. More information about the review is available on [the website](#).

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### Watch out, magpies about!

Magpie swooping season is upon us. To stay safe on campus, look out for signage at known swooping areas and always keep your eyes peeled!

For more on avoiding magpie swooping, check out [Professor Dieter Hochuli's top swooping avoidance tips](#) via Instagram.

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### Reminder to nominate for student elections

Nominations will be closing at 12 pm next Tuesday 10 September 2024 for student elections to Senate, Academic Board, Faculty Board, University School Board, Faculty and University School. For details on available positions, key dates, and the nominations process, please visit the [Student Elections webpage](#).

The University is committed to fostering a diverse and inclusive environment where everyone feels valued and respected, regardless of their background, identity or experiences. We strongly encourage applications from people with lived experience of diversity.

To seek any further information, please email [secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au](mailto:secretariat.elections@sydney.edu.au).

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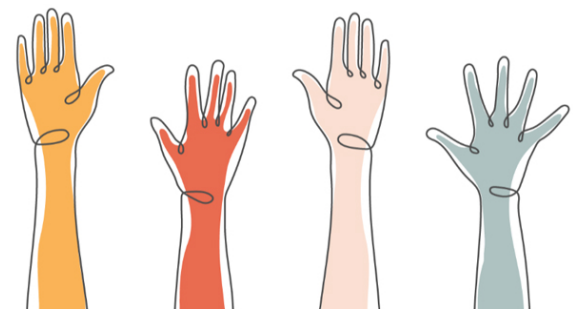
## Housing reforms recommended

The People's Commission into the Housing Crisis has [released its final report](#), recommending mass rental reform, 750,000 new social homes in the next 20 years, and recognising housing as a human right.



## Talking traffic lights: NSW leading on driverless safety tech

[Self-driving robotic vehicles are wirelessly communicating with traffic lights on the streets of Sydney](#) as part of an intelligent transport trial led by the University and Transport for NSW.



## Represent your peers

Nominations are now open for casual vacancies on [SUPRA Council](#). The Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association is run by postgrads, for postgrads. Nominations close Thursday 29 August. For more information email the SUPRA Co-Presidents Frana and Vivian at [president@supra.usyd.edu.au](mailto:president@supra.usyd.edu.au).

## Access free and legitimate academic help at University

[You have free access to legitimate academic support at the University](#), including to the online learning service, [Studiosity](#). Studiosity has two main tools – ‘writing feedback’ and ‘chat live’. You can submit up to 10 pieces of writing per semester to the writing feedback function, which gives you feedback within 24 hours on structure, spelling, grammar and citations. You can also use the ‘chat live’ function to ask Studiosity mentors questions about your assignments.

The Library is also offering a free [‘Intro to Generative AI’](#) event on Thursday 5 September at 1 pm about how you can safely and ethically use artificial intelligence in your studies.

## Refuel on campus



## Breakfast Club @ Fisher Library

Share an assortment of cereal, toast, fruit and more at Fisher Library's [Breakfast Club](#). Running every Thursday during semester from 9–10 am, It's the perfect chance to catch up with other students, Peer Learning Advisors and library staff.



## Munch & Mingle in CreateSpace

Whether you are looking for some quiet tea time or friendly coffee chats with friends, [Munch & Mingle in CreateSpace](#) is the perfect way to spend your Wednesday. From 11 am to 12 pm, Peer Learning Advisors and library staff are available to answer questions about your study, campus life and more.



## Receive up to five free food items at FoodHub

If you're struggling with finances or food insecurity, visit the [FoodHub](#) pantry on Level 3 of the Wentworth Building to receive food and other essential items for free. You'll need to register ahead of time via Humanitix, so ensure you bring your ticket with you and only visit at your allocated time.

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## Experiencing financial hardship? We're here to help you

Advertised Bursaries are scholarships from \$400 to \$6000 for domestic students experiencing specific challenges or circumstances, and are available if you are enrolled in a particular faculty or year of study. Visit the [Advertised Bursaries homepage](#) for more information and apply via [Sydney Student](#) with supporting documents.

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## Current scam alert – scammers offering 'discounts' on tuition fees

We're aware of a scam targeting Chinese international students where Sydney-based companies are offering 'discounted fees' if they pay their tuition fees for this semester through them. We've also received reports of these companies offering further discounts to students if they recruit other



students.

The University of Sydney would never offer you a discount on your fees via text, through social media or an email address not ending in '@sydney.edu.au', nor offer you discounts to recruit other students. We will also never ask you to pay your fees by clicking on a link in an email, text message or social media.

All official University communications will come from an email ending in '@sydney.edu.au' or via the notifications in myUni or the Sydney Uni app.

Know what to do if you've been scammed and how to avoid common scams on the [scams webpage](#). If you need help, you can [connect with the Student wellbeing team](#) or visit the [student life, wellbeing and support webpage](#).

## Events



### STEM-tember launch

Learn about career opportunities after you graduate and the types of employment your degree is setting you up for at the [STEM-tember panel event](#) from 5:30 pm on Monday 2 September at Chau Chak Wing Museum.



### Wear It Purple Party-palooza

Come down to Hermann's Bar for USU's annual [Wear It Purple Party](#)! Pride-themed trivia and best-dressed prizes await, so grab your friends (and something purple) to join the festivities on Friday 30 August from 5 pm.



Wendy Riley, 'Dreaming - Day dream', 2023.

### Disability Inclusion Week

The University is celebrating our tenth [Disability inclusion Week](#) from 2–6 September with heaps of events throughout the week like [Scales and Plates](#), a [Blind and Low Vision Tour of Chau Chak Wing Museum](#) on Monday 2 September and the [Navigating the Future: Disability and Inclusion in the Workplace](#) panel on Tuesday 3 September.

## Have you caught the Metro?

With the Sydney Metro extension from Chatswood to Sydenham now open, we want to know if the Metro has made a difference to how you get to campus.

The Metro has made my commute to campus easier

The Metro doesn't effect my commute to campus

I'll use it but not for getting to campus

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## Registrations and abstract submissions now open for Cancer Research Network's 2024 HDR Student Cancer Research Symposium

Join the [Cancer Research Network](#)'s 2024 HDR Student Cancer Research Symposium on Thursday, 7 November at the Susan Wakil Health Building. This year's theme is "Cancer Research and Progress: Interdisciplinary Approach and Collaborations." HDR and Honours students are invited to present their research, network, and explore new collaborations.

[Abstract submission](#) closes at midnight on Friday 13 September. To submit an abstract, please refer to the [abstract submission guidelines](#) for details.

[Registration](#) is free and closes on Monday 21 October.

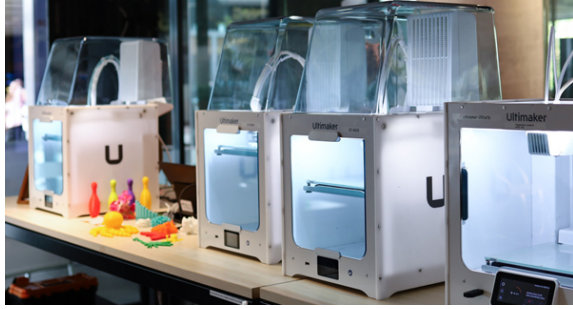
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## What's happening at Sydney



### Is your supervisor excellent?

If your supervisor goes above and beyond to support you and your research, nominate them for an award! [SUPRA's Supervisor of the Year Awards](#) recognise and reward excellence in Higher Degree by Research supervision. Nominations close Sunday 1 September.



## Learn all about 3D printing

Have you ever wondered what 3D printing is all about and how you can get started? The [Intro to 3D printing workshop](#) at ThinkSpace on Wednesday 4 September introduces you to the Ultimaker 3D printer and steps you through getting the file ready to setting up your first print!



## How can I use generative AI?

Generative artificial intelligence technologies like [Microsoft Copilot](#) are already making waves in education. Find out how can you use generative AI in your studies at [Intro to generative AI](#) on Thursday 5 September at CreateSpace.



## Move your own way to 10,000 steps this STEPtember

Support people living with cerebral palsy while spending time outdoors this STEPtember. Move your own way to 10,000 steps per day during the month of September to fundraise for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance's early detection and intervention therapy.

Whether you like to walk, dance, swim, run, skate or garden, there are over 40 different activities to get you moving in support of a good cause. You can [register for USYD STEPtember](#) online.



## Complete the Migrant Justice 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.



## Student spotlight



A few weeks ago, 17 student leaders flew to Bangkok, Thailand for the University Scholars Leadership Symposium (USLS) alongside 500 other student leaders from across the globe.

During their time in Bangkok, they heard a range of talks, participated in various workshops, visited local schools, planted mangroves, and spent the day at an Elephant sanctuary.

[Check out a recap of USLS on our Instagram.](#)

*“The USLS in Thailand was a truly transformative experience from expert talks to hands-on experience that directly benefitted local communities.”*

– William, student leader

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## Student resources

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