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Week 8, Semester 2

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Welcome to Week 8, Mack! There's just two weeks left until mid-semester break.

The USU's International Food and Culture Fair kicks off tomorrow, serving up global flavours and cultural experiences.

We also share fascinating news about how the bugs in your gut impact your health, as well as tips on accessing study support to help you power through your mid-semester assessments.

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## International Food and Culture Fair



Join us from tomorrow, Tuesday 17 to Thursday 19 September to celebrate the diverse cultures of our student community at USU's [International Food & Culture Fair](#)!

Enjoy a range of cultural celebration and activities across three jam-packed days, including Flamenco dancing, fan making, trivia, and more. Plus, there'll be diverse food on offer from the student clubs and societies, as well as the USU Eats food truck.

So grab a bite, enjoy a performance, and take in the festivities across campus!



## 17 September | Travel and Experience Expo

Learn about global study opportunities and exclusive travel offers at the [Travel and Experience Expo](#) this Tuesday from 11 am–3 pm. Prizes like return flights and surfing lessons are up for grabs in the hourly prize draw, so don't forget to claim your free raffle ticket!



## 17 September | Make your own lantern for Mid-Autumn Fest

Celebrate the joy of the full moon by learning how to make your very own lantern for Mid-Autumn Festival from 1:30-3 pm on Eastern Avenue. Also known as the Moon Festival, Mid-Autumn festival celebrates the first full moon, marking the Autumn harvest.



## 18 September | Someday Soon

Catch local emerging acts William Singe, and J.Tajor as well as Emei from the USA at [Someday Soon](#). Tickets are selling fast, so don't miss this chance for night of live pop and RnB tunes.

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### Top stories





## We're named 'AI University of the Year' in the Future Campus Awards

Our University has been recognised as an institutional leader for our approach to artificial intelligence (AI) in education, research and operations by [Future Campus Awards](#).

We won 'AI University of the Year' for empowering our community to better understand and engage productively, safely and ethically with generative AI. Professor Danny Liu, researcher and academic developer, won 'Best use of AI in learning and teaching' for his work in helping staff and students use generative AI responsibly to enhance the educational experience.

Interested in AI? Learn more about about [how to use generative AI in the classroom](#).



## Study at NYU in Sydney

Experience a unique local exchange opportunity with [New York University \(NYU\)](#) [local exchange](#) right on campus in Sydney. Take NYU units, share the classroom with NYU students and learn from NYU academics. The deadline to apply for Semester 1, 2025 is 15 October.



## Experience the French-speaking world

Applications are now open for an immersive French language and culture experience at Université Jean Moulin Lyon 3. No language experience necessary, this [OLE In-Country Experience](#) runs from Monday 25 November to Sunday 15 December 2024 and is worth six credit points.



## ***The Student Centre is now at Fisher Library***

The Student Centre has temporarily relocated from the Jane Foss Russell (G02) building to Fisher Library Learning Hub (F03). The Student Centre at Fisher Library will continue to operate from 9–5 pm Monday to Friday, with its usual services.

## ***Need to know***

- Wednesday 25 September is the deadline to be registered with [Inclusion and Disability Services \(IDS\)](#) to be approved for adjustments in your Semester 2 formal exams. If you are enrolled in an intensive unit with a final exam, please ensure you are registered with IDS three weeks prior to the commencement of the relevant exam week for that unit.
- All University of Sydney staff, students and members of the community are invited to make submissions to the Investment Policies Review Working Group. The working group will accept submissions until 5 pm on Friday 27 September. To make a submission, please use the [online e-form](#).
- 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.

## ***Access support to help you thrive in your studies***

As we pass the mid-point of semester, we wanted to remind you of the various support services

and resources available to you. Visit the [Student Portal](#) to access key services, including:

- **Learning Hub:** access learning support and attend workshops, peer programs and individual consultations to help build your academic skills.
- **Advice around your study choices:** have your questions answered by an expert.
- **Wellbeing support:** access free and confidential health, wellbeing and personal supports.
- **1:1 Student Advising:** talk with an advisor about study-related decisions, how to achieve your academic and personal goals, and where to seek further advice and support.

## University news



Tripti, Sydney International Equity Scholarship recipient.

### Tripti's journey from a slum in Delhi to USYD

Tripti grew up in the slums of Delhi and is now studying at the University of Sydney. [Learn about Tripti's journey to USYD through the Sydney International Equity Scholarship](#), created for exceptional postgraduate students from disadvantaged backgrounds around the world.



### How the bugs in your gut affect your immune system

Ever wonder what the bugs in your gut are up to? Turns out, they're busy shaping your immune system! [Check out the latest research from the Faculty of Science](#) to see how these tiny helpers could transform your health.



### Do you rely on busted bus stops to get to campus?

While projects like the Sydney Metro have been a huge success, did you know that over two-thirds of bus stops in Sydney's outer suburbs have no shelter? [Professor Kurt Iveson makes the case for investing in improving our bus infrastructure.](#)



## ***Gain professional skills while making a positive difference***

Want to gain governance experience and build your professional network and skills? Expressions of Interest are open to join the Student Appeals Panel, which are students and staff who decide on appeals against academic decisions and misconduct. Check eligibility criteria and how to apply on the [Student Appeals Panel](#) webpage.

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## ***What's happening at Sydney***



### **Learn Australian birthday traditions**

USU's fortnightly [G'Day Gatherings](#) at Manning Bar are the perfect way to learn about Australia, meet new friends, and practise English. The upcoming session on Tuesday 17 September 1:30 pm–3 pm is all about Australian birthday festivities.



May Day March 1974, John Young, oil on canvas.

### **Our history of student activism**

From early 20th-century anti-conscription protests to activism on campus today, our campus has a long and rich history of protest. Join us for the [Protest! panel](#) discussion on Thursday 19 September 2024, 12.30 pm–1.30 pm at Chau Chak Wing Museum to explore how activism has evolved over the decades and its continued importance on campus today.



### **Share your ride to campus, win a free bike service!**

Do you cycle to campus? You can win a free bike service from our campus' very own Bike Doctor by [submitting a photo from your commute to campus](#).



## Submit your abstract to the HDR Student Cancer Research Symposium

The Cancer Research Network welcome all HDR (Masters and PhD) and Honours students to submit an abstract for this year's [Cancer Research Network Symposium](#) before 27 September. To submit an abstract, please refer to the [abstract submission guidelines](#) for details.



## Unleash your quantum potential

Apply for [Sydney Quantum Academy's Undergraduate and PhD Scholarships](#) by Wednesday 9 October for the opportunity to dive into cutting-edge quantum research with leading experts at the University.

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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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