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Week 9, Semester 2

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Welcome to Week 9, Mack. You're just one week away from mid-semester break, so read on for some fun and budget-friendly ways to spend your downtime in Sydney.

It's also Research Week! Whether you're eyeing honours or a PhD, it's time to explore the endless opportunities postgraduate research offers.

Plus, SXSW Sydney is just around the corner, and you could even score a spot as a host!

Top stories



Budget-friendly ways to spend this mid-semester break

While it's important to use the upcoming mid-semester break to catch up on some study, make sure you also find some time to relax and recharge. [Check out our list of ideas for how you can spend your break on a budget.](#)



Research Week has begun!

Whether you're considering honours or a PhD, Research Week is your gateway to discovering the learning and career development opportunities postgraduate research offers. See the full list of events to take your education higher via the [Research Week](#) homepage.



SEXtember: Breaking the cycle

Join Mataio Faafetai (Matt) Brown from She Is Not Your Rehab tomorrow Tuesday 24 September 12 pm–1 pm for an [online discussion](#) about the power of mental health conversations and addressing childhood trauma in helping to prevent cycles of gendered violence.



Get involved with SXSW Sydney 2025

Come and showcase your innovations in a free, publicly accessible space as part of SXSW Sydney, in the [inaugural Innovation Showcase at Tumbalong Park](#) on Thursday 17 October. You're invited to bring your latest technologies, creations, models, robots.

There's also an opportunity for two students to be hosts for the afternoon – roam and interview the different displays and gain access to all conference sessions and events for the whole week. Interested in participating? Send an email with the subject line "Innovation Showcase Tumbalong Park" to TumbalongPark@SXSWSydney.com.

Need to know

- If you are unable to finish an assignment on time due to illness, injury or other circumstances outside of your control, you may be able to apply for a [simple extension](#). If you are unable to sit an exam or require a longer period of time to complete an assignment, you may be able to apply for [special consideration](#).
- The Investment Policies Review Working Group is accepting submissions from staff, students, and members of the community. The closing date for submissions has been extended and will now close on 5 pm Friday 4 October 2024. Provide your feedback through the [online e-form](#).
- Voting in the Annual Elections of the USYD Students' Representative Council (SRC) takes place on 24, 25, 26 September 2024. Visit the [SRC voting](#) webpage for more information.

Ensure your location and residential address are up to date in Sydney Student

As a student visa holder, it's important to comply with your visa requirements, one of which is providing your location and residential address once you arrive in Australia and start your studies.

Make sure your Australian residential address, USI (Unique Student Identifier) and mobile phone number are updated in Sydney Student, as well as your status as 'Onshore' if you've been studying in Australia this semester.

Visit the current student website for [more information on updating your personal information](#).

University news



USU150: From The Cellar to Manning Bar

The spaces within the USU are more than just buildings; they're stages for the ever-evolving drama of student life. From performance spaces to bars and gardens, [uncover the history behind](#)

[the physical spaces that have shaped USU's character and charm.](#)



Chau Chak Wing Museum wins national museum award

The Chau Chak Wing Museum has made history as the [first University museum to receive the International Council of Museums \(ICOM\) Australia Institution Award](#). Drop by and see why it's been named Australia's best museum, with exhibits that blend art, science, and history into something truly special.



How well is the government regulating social media?

Is the government doing enough to regulate social media? Communications expert [Dr. Timothy Dwyer shares his insights on how current policies are stacking up](#) and what more needs to be done to keep users safe.



Alexandra in France

Learning a new language in its context

Interested in studying overseas? Read [Arts student Alexandra's reflections on her time in France](#), where daily French conversations opened doors to new adventures, sharpened her language skills, and expanded her cross-cultural connections.



Recycle your stationery in Fisher Library

Have old stationery lying around? Give your study desk a spring clean and recycle your old pens, highlighters, markers, mechanical pencils and whiteout in recycling boxes in Fisher Library – a student-led initiative run in collaboration with TerraCycle. For more information on where to recycle and when, check out the [Library's Instagram](#).

Events



Your workplace rights on a student visa

You have the same workplace rights as all Australian workers. Better understand your workplace rights and have your questions answered at an [online webinar](#) on Wednesday September 25 at 3 pm.



Queering the Polyxena Sarcophagus

Curious about exploring ancient history through a queer lens? Join the [Queering the Polyxena Sarcophagus](#) lunchtime lecture at the Chau Chak Wing Museum on Wednesday 25 September at 1 pm to explore new interpretations of this iconic artefact.



Sky Country & Waters: Indigenous Cartography

[Register to learn about pre-European cartography and connection to Country with Uncle Jimmy.](#) In this 3-hour session, you'll explore the deep knowledge of Indigenous peoples, the first agriculturalists, aquaculturalists, and scientists of Australia, as well as enjoy free lunch and refreshments.

What's happening at Sydney



Craft your own sustainable bag

Join us for a fun and creative [macrame workshop](#) on Tuesday 24 September from 2 pm or Friday 27 September from 1 pm on campus. You'll learn how to make a stylish, eco-friendly net bag – perfect for grocery shopping or carrying your notebooks to class!



Learn how to save a life

Join us on Wednesday 25 September from 2 pm to 3 pm for a hands-on [CPR and AED training event](#). Hosted by the Westmead Applied Research Centre and SiLECT team at Taste Cafe, Charles Perkins Centre, this free session is a great way to spend your break between classes!



Work it out – Australia's gender inequality in the workplace

We've come a long way when it comes to gender equality. Or have we? Professor Rae Cooper reveals the data to prove we still have a long way to go in a [new episode of The Solutionists podcast](#).



Share your take on public urbanism and win \$500

As part of the 2024 Festival of “Public” Urbanism, the Henry Halloran Research Trust is hosting an [Instagram Reels Competition](#). Share your creative take on ‘public urbanism’ and you could win a \$500 JB Hi-Fi voucher! Applications close 4 October, so get filming!



CITY CANVAS: Public Art, Urban Play & Creative Sports

Keynotes, panel discussions, and interactive workshops all form part of [CITY CANVAS](#), a two-day symposium from 17–18 October that envisions the city as a dynamic playground, where public art and creative urban sports converge.

Student resources

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

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