

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES HANDBOOK





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## Introduction to Equity in SULS

Law school is notoriously known for its heavy assessment burden and pressure, and while undergoing this experience can prove extremely rewarding, many students find it difficult to stay afloat. Each individual has a unique lived experience during their time here, and the SULS Equity Portfolio strives to recognise and provide support to every student by fostering an atmosphere of equal access and opportunity. SULS, more broadly, is committed to recognising and mitigating the effect of both hardship and privilege on our student body, and through a number of initiatives targeted to address inequity, the autonomous portfolios strive to make every student feel welcome and supported during their time here.

The Equity Portfolio actualises these principles through various policies, one of which is this handbook. Primarily, this resource is to serve as a directory to help students seek out the assistance they will most likely require

at some point in their studies. In it, you will find resources in several areas including financial assistance, academic and professional support, and mental wellbeing; including a mix of general services and services tailored for students of specific

demographic backgrounds to ensure you find something useful. You will also find information on diversity and inclusion in SULS and the portfolios that work toward it, as well as contributions from a number of other officers that highlight SULS' commitment to equity in all of its actions.

In 2021, and in the world of COVID-19, this guide has been updated to include new resources for students, and the equity portfolio will be running a number of initiatives to ensure all students are supported throughout this difficult time. Both the SULS Equity Textbook Loans Scheme and the Equity Grants Scheme are being expanded this year; each initiative will benefit from a prioritised emphasis on greater outreach and transparency, and the former will include a larger range of textbooks. In addition to the portfolio's two primary programs, we are aiming to increase transparency by launching a new anonymous accessibility and inclusivity suggestion box, as well as short fact-sheets about our grants schemes and other support services. Finally, this year Equity will place disability advocacy at its core and will collaborate with other autonomous portfolios to place access and wellbeing at the forefront of the student experience. In addition to these initiatives, Equity remains a port of call for all welfare concerns within the law school, and I encourage anyone who needs help in any way throughout the year to reach out to me.



**Eden McSheffrey**  
Equity Officer

## President's Foreword

SULS is committed to supporting its members and to promote student wellbeing programs. The Sydney Law School of today looks vastly different to its inception 130 years ago. In recognising the diversity of its makeup (and recognising that advances must continue to be made), we also acknowledge that many students come from disadvantaged backgrounds or have personal barriers which may hinder the ability to effectively participate at University.



**Wendy Hu**  
President

The Equity portfolio is just one way SULS supports students. For those experiencing financial hardship, it provides grants and a textbook loan scheme. It also advocates on issues of diversity and inclusion, welfare,

academic support and mental health. In 2021, a new emphasis will be placed on disability support.

Student support is a priority for all SULS portfolios. Issues of unequal treatment, access and representation will always be forefront considerations of our Executive team. If you do encounter a difficulty, please do not hesitate to reach out to the Equity Officer or any member of the SULS Executive.

You can chat with us in-person in the SULS office (Room 103, New Law Building) during our office hours from 10am-2pm on Monday-Thursday, with extended hours for part-time JD and LLM students until 6pm on Tuesday. For those studying remotely, we will be having Zoom and WeChat office hours. Alternatively, shoot us a message on our Facebook page or via email. We are always here to help.





# DIVERSITY & INCLUSION IN SULS



The Sydney Law School has worked to promote the equal access of students both through financial support and the fostering of a diverse community of staff and students. However, the Law School is not immune to the interplay of the many structural inequalities that exist in broader society. As long as those structures continue to operate, SULS, as a representative organisation, will continue to advocate for students affected by those inequities.

SULS has a number of portfolios intended to advocate, represent and promote the equal opportunity and participation of such students. These portfolios include the Women's Portfolio, Queer Portfolio, First Nations Portfolio, International Students Portfolio and Ethnocultural Portfolio.



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# Introducing the Portfolios

## The Women's Portfolio

At the heart of the Women's Portfolio is the desire to foster a sisterhood among female law students and legal professionals. Through mentorship, collaboration and genuine representation, we seek to celebrate and empower all women in their personal and professional growth!

Although Australia has recently witnessed a substantial rise in the number of female legal professionals, the Women's Portfolio acknowledges that gender-based harassment, discrimination, and stereotypes continue to prevail in spite of statistics and legislative reform. Thus, we seek to provide female students with access to real support, justice and advocacy. If you have any concerns or just want to chat, you are more than welcome to reach out [women@suls.org.au](mailto:women@suls.org.au)

## The Women's Legal Service NSW

The Women's Legal Service NSW is a community legal centre that provides disadvantaged women with free legal support. These include the Domestic Violence Legal Service and Indigenous Women's Legal Program, as well as general legal advice and casework. They also foster positive change through community legal education and law and policy reform.

P: 8745 6900 (general enquiries) or 8745 6988 (advice line)  
W: <https://www.wlsnsw.org.au/>

NSW Health Sexual Assault Services  
The NSW Health Sexual Assault Services are stations staffed by specially trained counsellors based in hospitals or community health centres across NSW. They offer 24-hour crisis counselling, medical care and forensic tests, as well as information regarding legal action.

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital  
A: Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050  
P (24 hours): 9515 6111  
For more locations, visit: <https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/parvan/sexualassault/Pages/health-sas-services.aspx>

## The NSW Rape Crisis Centre

The NSW Rape Crisis Centre offers 24/7 telephone and online counselling services for anyone who is at risk of or has experienced sexual assault, family or domestic violence. Counsellors can also provide support for non-offending family members and friends.

P: 1800 424 017  
W: <http://www.nswrapecrisis.com.au/Home.aspx>



Nora Takriti  
Women's Officer

## The Queer Portfolio

For the law to fully reflect all the people it is designed to protect, it is necessary for people of all walks of life to be involved in its development and application.

As the SULLS Queer Officer for 2021, I am passionate about building community amongst USYD queer law students so that we are connected with one another and supported by each other. I am here for all queer law students, and particularly committed to including all law students under the exceptionally diverse LGBTQIA+ umbrella that might not always feel welcomed in queer spaces or in the legal community: queer women, queer trans or gender nonconforming students, queer international students, and queer students of colour.

SULLS is committed in supporting all members of the wonderfully diverse LGBTQIA+ family, and I hope that the initiatives this portfolio brings in 2021 will help you to feel more equipped and comfortable to be yourself here. If you ever have any concerns or even just want to have a chat please feel free to contact me at [queer@suls.org.au](mailto:queer@suls.org.au), and please join me at the Queer Space in Manning House every Thursday from 1-3 to meet and study with other queer law students.

Bru Hammer  
Queer Officer

## The First Nations Portfolio

During this year, I hope to engage with you through different online talks about employment pathways and important issues that affect indigenous people. There will also be networking and employment opportunities as well as chances to meet other students and the ability to contribute to developing the First Nations profile within the faculty.

Following 2020, this year, like our Naidoc theme, is about healing and rebuilding. After COVID, after the fires and interruption to our advancement towards constitutional recognition, indigenous students need to collaborate and build our social and professional networks within the university as well as outside.

Your identity and your place within the institution is recognised and valued, and I hope that your time here enables you to learn about your history, your identity and more importantly your purpose. Many of you may feel like you carry an extra load as you find your way





## The International Portfolio

At SULLS International Portfolio, we aim to provide active peer support to our fellow international students, so everyone feels at home at Sydney Law School. Facing unprecedented challenges in 2021, it is also our responsibility to proactively facilitate communication between students and the faculty and ensure the students are effectively supported throughout this challenging time.

International travel restrictions, time zone differences, remote learning - some of our students are navigating all these problems on top of fee hikes and various degrees of forced family separation. This year, SULLS strives to go beyond the social-career dualist model and provide effective and compassionate mental health support in our weekly catch-ups every Thursday night.

Meanwhile, look out for our International Student Mentoring Program, SULLS International Student Guide 2021, and other events and workshops we organise to help you stay in touch. Please do not hesitate to email me at [international@suls.org.au](mailto:international@suls.org.au).

Sissi Xi Chen  
*International Student Officer*

around this place, but you walk in the footsteps of some of the most inspiring and influential indigenous leaders that have come before you and it's important to recognise that they were on a similar journey and began where you are now. With that in mind I encourage you to try to challenge yourself. Dream big. Think about who you want to become and enrol in subjects and activities that are going to challenge you and lead you to your goals.

There is more mob around you than you know, and this year I hope to build these connections. There is a very deadly network of us to keep you grounded, connected, focused and on a path, but this is dependent on knowing who you are. So please connect with me and let me learn about you and how I can help you succeed while you're here. Reach out to me at [fnations@suls.org.au](mailto:fnations@suls.org.au) for any enquiries, concerns or to have a yarn.

I wish you all a fantastic and successful year ahead.

Nathan Allen  
*First Nations Officer*

## The Ethnocultural Portfolio

Sydney is not only a city that harbours incredible architectural and natural views, it is also a city of immense diversity. Approximately 40% of the city's inhabitants were born overseas and speak a language other than English at home. There is also a 70% chance that a fellow Sydney sider you meet had both parents overseas. To tout such diversity as remarkable would be an understatement.

In the face of Sydney's and Australia's diversity, it is mind boggling to think that there was once a time when racism and prejudice was codified by the law. The Immigration Restriction Act 1901 (Cth), which laid the foundations for the White Australia Policy, is one of many examples in our history whereby bigotry and exclusion were facilitated by legal systems. However, the law and legal profession have come a long way since. A wave of anti-racist legislation was introduced in the second half the 20th century. Firms and organisations now promote the powerful moral and commercial utility in improved representation.

However, there is more to be done. The year 2020 was a testament to this. The Black Lives Matter movement, the rise in xenophobic attacks against those of Asian background and the struggles of CALD communities coalesced to form a powerful call to action. This year, the SULLS ethnocultural portfolio aims to move beyond the apathy that characterised it in 2020. This year, the portfolio is deeply committed to fostering an environment of critical legal scholarship, power, and agency.

The portfolio was built on the premise of solidarity and support. Advocacy pertaining to issues of racism, discrimination and prejudice is the portfolio's fundamental duty. I intend to

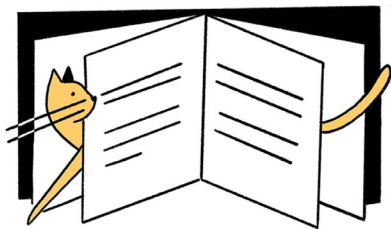
ensure that it lives up to those tenants. In doing so, I invite you to become an agent for change by contributing, participating, and actively engaging with the Ethnocultural portfolio. Think critically and do so with leadership. The walls of our great law school will live to tell the tale of our diversity and collective strength.

Most importantly, you belong here. After all, the success of the legal profession is contingent on the representation of our stories, struggles and voices. As we work towards a better legal future, I will always be available to support you in your endeavours inside and outside of the law school. Do not hesitate to contact me at [ethnocultural@suls.org.au](mailto:ethnocultural@suls.org.au). I will always welcome enquiries, suggestions and ideas.

Mahmoud Al Rifai  
*Ethnocultural Officer*



# FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE



The impact of COVID-19 on all of our students cannot be understated, and the lasting financial implications of the pandemic are actively affecting thousands of individuals. More broadly, financial strain during university can be a significant burden on students' academic and social lives. It is important to recognise that not all students have access to the same support networks to ease the financial burden of law school, and SALS and the University have a number of initiatives to try and support students in their studies.

## Support Services

### SALS Assistance

#### Textbook Loan Scheme

The Textbook Loan Scheme provides textbooks for core subjects each semester, and subject to finance and availability, elective units in 2021.

Visit: <https://www.sals.org.au/equity-schemes>  
Contact: Eden McSheffrey (Equity Officer) [equity@sals.org.au](mailto:equity@sals.org.au)

Eligible students will have access to textbooks for the entire semester, after providing a deposit that is refunded upon return of the textbooks.

#### Financial Grants Scheme

The Financial Grants Scheme provides monetary grants to be used for law school-related purchases. Eligible students may receive grants for SALS events such as competitions, First Year Law Camp or Law Ball. Grants may also be used to assist the purchasing of textbooks or stationery, and even graduation photos. Each grant is nonrefundable and paid by way of reimbursement. Different amounts of funding are available for different types of grant, depending on its use.

Visit: <https://www.sals.org.au/equity-schemes>  
Contact: Eden McSheffrey (Equity Officer) [equity@sals.org.au](mailto:equity@sals.org.au)

#### Online Textbook Exchange

The Online Textbook Exchange facilitates the purchase and sale of law textbooks prescribed by the LLB and JD courses at Sydney Law School.

Visit: <https://www.sals.org.au/online-textbook-exchange/>  
Contact: Sinem Kirk (VP Education) [education@sals.org.au](mailto:education@sals.org.au)



## COVID-19 Support

The pandemic has severely disrupted all of our lives, and many people have been hard-hit by the lasting economic impacts of the virus. There are several financial support services available to you if you have lost work due to COVID-19, as of August 2021, the primary payments being the COVID-19 Disaster Payment.

### Government Support

#### COVID-19 Disaster Payment

The COVID-19 Disaster Payment is a lump sum payment to help workers unable to earn income due to a COVID-19 lockdowns, hotspots or movement restrictions.

To assess your eligibility criteria and for further details please visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/covid-19-disaster-payment>

#### Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment

The Pandemic Leave Disaster Payment is a lump sum payment to help you during the 14 days you need to self-isolate, quarantine or care for someone. If eligible, you may be able to receive \$1,500 for each 14 day period you've been told to self-isolate or quarantine, or are caring for someone with COVID-19.

To assess your eligibility criteria and for further details please visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/pandemic-leave-disaster-payment-new-south-wales/who-can-get-it>



## Crisis Payment

The government has introduced several types of crisis payments, with eligibility criteria varying between them. To receive any of these payments, however, you must: be in severe financial hardship, get, or, be eligible for an income support payment or ABSTUDY Living Allowance, and be experiencing an extreme circumstance. These payments can support circumstances relating to COVID-19, domestic and family violence, humanitarian entrants, and other “extreme circumstances”.

To assess your eligibility criteria and for further details please visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/crisis-payment>

## Rental Assistance

Rent assistance is a regular extra payment if you pay rent and receive certain payments from Services Australia already. To assess your eligibility criteria and for further details please visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/rent-assistance/who-can-get-it>

The Tenants' Union of NSW also provides legal support to tenants who are struggling with navigating eviction or disputes with their landlords. They have compiled a resource specifically for COVID-19 at <https://www.tenants.org.au/covid19/guide>

For individual assistance, use their website to search for your local Community Legal Centre who may be able to advise you on your legal options in the event of a dispute with your landlord.

## On-Campus Support

The Student Financial Support Office The University's Financial Support Office provides support to students experiencing financial difficulty and whose academic work may suffer as a result. Eligible students may receive interest-free loans and bursaries to help in emergencies and to cover necessities such as textbooks, medical bills and bond payments.

**Student Loans:** Loans are interest free and can be valued up to \$2000 (for domestic students) or \$1000 (for international students) to cover essential living and study expenses. The repayment period is individually determined according to the student's situation.

**Bursaries:** Bursaries are grants offered to domestic undergraduate students experiencing financial difficulties and who are making satisfactory academic progress. General bursaries have no application deadline and are awarded as

part of financial assistance provided by the Scholarships and Financial Support Service. Since COVID-19, General Bursaries are open to all students who meet the eligibility criteria and who can provide evidence of experiencing genuine and immediate financial difficulty. Advertised bursaries are provided for specific challenges or circumstances, and are available for both undergraduate and postgraduate students. Advertised bursaries are typically listed at the beginning of March with applications closing 30th April each year, and are usually awarded by July; however, be sure to check the website for any changes to this usual scheduling.

Visit: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/financial-support.html>  
Contact: Student Financial Support Office  
[student.financialsupport@sydney.edu.au](mailto:student.financialsupport@sydney.edu.au)

Advertised bursaries are available across a number of faculties and schools, including Sydney Law School through the Anthony McGuirk Memorial Bursary. There are also options for First year students, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, and students with a disability.



## Blackbullion

Blackbullion is an online provider of financial education aimed at university students. They provide short modules and financial tips that help you develop skills to managing money. You can get free access using your university email address.

Visit: <https://www.blackbullion.com>

## Off-Campus Support

### Good Shepherd Microfinance

If you require urgent financial assistance for essential items such as medical bills, fridges, washing machines, and education expenses you may be eligible to receive an interest-free microfinance loan from the community-based organisation Good Shepherd Microfinance. They work with 160 community organisations at 625 locations across Australia to offer loans of up to \$1,500 for these purposes.

The scheme operates on a circular community credit basis, and in order to be eligible, you must have a healthcare or pension card, earn under \$45,000, have lived in your current residence for three months, and have a willingness and capacity to repay the loan. The program does not perform credit checks.

For more information, please visit: <https://goodshepherdmicrofinance.org.au/services/no-interest-loan-scheme-nils/>

### Moneysmart

This government website is extremely helpful in providing educational resources about personal finance. The website features information about how to get help when you are struggling to pay bills and fines, managing debt, financial hardship assistance and saving.

Visit: <https://moneysmart.gov.au>

### StudentVIP Textbooks

StudentVIP provides a free online service where students can buy and sell textbooks. Upon registration, you can search for textbooks being sold by other students at your university, email or text sellers through the website, and advertise your own textbooks for sale.

Visit: <https://studentvip.com.au/textbooks>

**Financial Counselling Australia (FCA)**  
FCA is the peak body for financial counsellors in Australia and can help direct you to a financial counsellor local to your area to support you.

Contact: 1800 007 007  
To find a local financial counsellor, visit: <https://financialcounsellingaustralia.org.au/Corporate/Find-a-Counsellor>



## Salvation Army's MoneyCare service

The Salvation Army's MoneyCare service provides free and confidential financial counselling. Advisors will analyse and assess your financial situation and give you advice, helping you to develop a plan to improve your situation.

Contact: MoneyCare Surry Hills is closest to the University of Sydney and can be contacted on (02) 8218 1241. To find MoneyCare services near you, visit: <https://salvos.org.au/need-help/financial-assistance/financial-counselling/>

## Centrelink Assistance

There are several government assistance schemes that may assist you in your studies or living expenses. Note that some of these payments are augmented or affected by certain coronavirus payments; For more detailed information about COVID-19-specific support please see the section titled 'COVID-19 Support' above and refer to government advice.

### Youth Allowance

Youth Allowance is a fortnightly payment to full time students who are 18-24 years old and are Australian residents. Your fortnightly payment varies based on your situation and you and your parents' income and wealth. Combined LLB and JD degrees at the University of Sydney are approved courses for Youth Allowance.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/youth-allowance-students-and-australian-apprentices>

### Austudy

Austudy is a fortnightly payment up to \$611 to full time students who are over 25 years old and are Australian residents. Your own assets and income are considered in determining your payment. You may receive a higher rate if you have been receiving another income support

payment long term (other than a student payment). Combined LLB and JD degrees at the University of Sydney are approved courses for Austudy.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/austudy>



### ABSTUDY

ABSTUDY is a payment made to Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander Australian students that are not getting another payment to study or train. If you are studying the LLB, you are likely to be eligible for the Tertiary Award, which automatically provides you with the ABSTUDY payment and access to several other payments. If you are studying the JD, you are likely to be eligible for the Master's

or Doctorate Award (if you are not receiving any other form of financial help), which automatically provides you with the ABSTUDY payment and access to several other payments.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/abstudy>

### Student Start-up Loan

The Student Start-up Loan is a voluntary tax-free loan of \$1094 paid twice a year. You will be eligible if you receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY Living Allowance. You will need to repay the loan once you reach the HELP repayment threshold. You can usually apply for the Student Start-up Loan when you submit a claim for Youth Allowance, Austudy or ABSTUDY.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/student-start-up-loan>

### Education Entry Payment

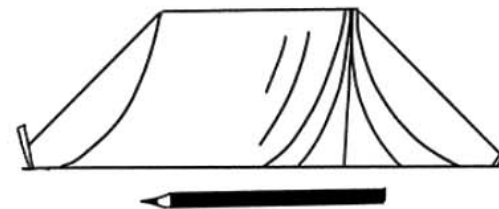
A yearly lump sum payment of \$208, available if you receive Newstart Allowance, the partnered Parenting Payment or other payments.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/education-entry-payment>

### Pensioner Education Supplement

A fortnightly additional payment of \$62.40 (full-time) or \$31.20 (part-time), available if you receive Youth Allowance as a single main carer or other payments from Centrelink or the Department of Veteran's Affairs.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/pensioner-education-supplement>



### Rent Assistance

A fortnightly additional payment of up to \$187.04, available if you receive certain payments from the Department of Human Services and your fortnightly rent exceeds a specific amount.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/rent-assistance>

### Low Income Health Care Card

If you receive Youth Allowance, ABSTUDY Living Allowance or Austudy, you are eligible for the Low Income Health Care Card. This allows you to receive cheaper medicine under the Pharmaceutical Benefits Scheme, bulk billed doctor visits and larger refunds for medical costs when you reach the Medicare Safety Net. Usually, it is automatically sent to you if you are eligible.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/low-income-health-care-card>

### Fares Allowance

Available if you receive Youth Allowance, Austudy or the Pensioner Education Supplement and meet additional criteria. Covers the least expensive and most available form of public transport for trips during your study.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/fares-allowance>

### Relocation Scholarship

Available for \$4,626 in your first year if you receive Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY and relocate from a regional or remote area to study at the University of Sydney. Different sums

are available in the following years depending on your circumstances.

Visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/relocation-scholarship>

The above serve as a brief overview of some of the payments you may be eligible for. Please visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink> in order to find more types of payment which may suit your specific needs. For information about disability payments please see our 'Disability and Accessibility' section.



## Scholarships

The University offers several scholarships each year for continuing undergraduate and postgraduate students. Scholarships are awarded based on merit, through both academic and extra-curricular achievement.

There is no limit to the number of scholarships that you can apply for, so if you are eligible we encourage you to put in applications for everything you can! Application deadlines vary but most fall within the first few months of the year so get in quickly!

*General scholarships* are open to students from any faculty. Regularly check the scholarships page as many open and close throughout the year.

Visit: <http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/open-now.shtml>

*Literary prizes* are sums of money awarded to students who write outstanding literary and academic works. Submissions open in August and close in September.

Visit: [http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prizes/literary\\_prizes.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prizes/literary_prizes.shtml)

*Faculty scholarships* are open to students of a specific faculty. Some scholarships offered by the law school are listed below, but if you are in the Combined Laws program, it would be worthwhile to check the scholarships page for your other faculty.

Visit: <http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/undergraduate/faculty/index.shtml> (Undergraduate)  
<http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/postgraduate/facultyindex.shtml> (Postgraduate)

## Faculty Scholarships

A number of scholarships are available for students enrolled in the Sydney Law School. These scholarships are available for a range of eligible applicants, such as students experiencing financial hardship, students who are high academic achievers, students from regional or remote areas of Australia, students who are Aboriginal and/or Torres Strait Islander, and many more. The value of these scholarships ranges from \$1000 to \$35,000.

Visit: <https://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/domestic/bachelors-honours/faculty/law.html> (Undergraduate)  
<http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/postgraduate/faculty/law.shtml#PCSQS> (Postgraduate)

## International Students

The University has many scholarships available for international students, including postgraduate scholarships, depending on your home country. It may also be worthwhile to research scholarship opportunities from industry and government in your home country.

Visit: <http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/postgraduate/international-postgraduate-scholarships.shtml>



## Tips on Staying Afloat through Law School

While excitement for the coming academic year may help distract from the financial pressures associated with law school, it is no secret that law school is difficult enough without having to worry each time you swipe your bank card at Taste. Sydney is an expensive city, and law is an expensive degree choice.

So how can you enjoy this year while also saving money?

- ① Seek financial support
  - The University helps students who are in need of financial assistance.
  - Have a look at the range of scholarships that the University offers!
  - Don't forget, SULS is here to help as well. Apply for the textbook loan scheme!
- ② DIY
  - Do you enjoy a cup of coffee every day? Why not start making some at home and bringing it with you!
  - Set a weekly budget for grocery shopping. Have a look at what's on sale and meal prep so that you can bring lunch to campus!
  - If you live close by, why not walk to the University instead of spending money on transport!?! Too far? Have you considered saving money on a gym membership and viewing your trek to campus as a workout?
- ③ Additional tips
  - If you have textbooks from previous years consider selling them to recover some of the

expense.

- Join SALS for fun events, and avoid spending too much money on expensive evenings out in the city.
- Keep a spreadsheet and document your spending habits. Review weekly and cut unnecessary costs!

This year, the Treasury will be allocating greater funding to support equity initiatives so we can support you through financial hardship. We want to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to participate in events and University life!

Finally, please remember that you are not alone! We are all in this together. If you ever find yourself in need of budgeting tips, a pep talk, or just feel like having a chat, please do not hesitate to reach out!



Tiana Dumanovsky  
*Treasurer*

# ACADEMIC & PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT



The advent of COVID-19 left the job-market for law graduates more uncertain than ever. It has exacerbated the stress and competition which was already rife in the profession beforehand. SALS in 2021 will be providing as much academic and professional support as it can to students, and we encourage all students to engage with the below resources. These support services exist not only to enhance your academic and professional lives, but to upskill, support, and guide you through the many decisions that you will have to make during your time at Sydney Law School. Our academic support section details key information relevant to your studies, including various learning opportunities and degree-related administrative processes such as appeals, special considerations and suspensions of study. The following professional support section outlines several guiding resources to help you during your transition from schooling to the work force – in whatever field or pathway you end up choosing.



# Academic Support

## SULS Assitance

### SULS Peer-to-Peer Study Groups

The purposes of these groups are to link you to other interested students, create a space for collaborative learning and combat the negative effects of self-isolation. Students are highly encouraged to meet via Zoom at least once a week to discuss cases, problem questions, and even provide peer-to-peer support to each other.

Different from PASS sessions, there will be no designated tutor. SULS will only be responsible for linking you to other interested law students to form study groups. You

Visit: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSewJVvNtzJqFtjwvzCwqtur-LxrikCborZ5nIeot1VZoYOO/viewform>

are then collectively responsible to organise all meeting times and materials that will be discussed. Registration will be available through the below Google Form link but keep an eye out for the hyperlink in the SULS Weekly emails during the semester!

### SULS Education Portfolio

The Vice President (Education) focuses on liaising with students and Faculty on matters concerning legal education as well as redirect students to the right avenues when it comes to issues like their course progression, special consideration and general complaints or recommendations that may arise during their studies. If you have any

questions or concerns about your degree, learning experience, or academic performance, do not hesitate to get in touch.

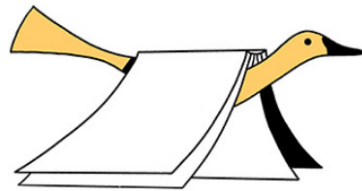
Contact: Sinem Kirk (VP Education) [education@suls.org.au](mailto:education@suls.org.au)

### SULS Education Guide

The SULS Education Guide is where you can find all information on academics and education at Sydney Law School.

The Guide has been around for several years, gathering useful information on study and exam techniques, elective subjects, offshore and exchange opportunities, programs and professional options to supplement study as well as mental health tips. A copy of last year's guide is available online, and you should keep an eye out for the launch of this year's guide in early Semester 1.

Contact: Sinem Kirk (VP Education) [education@suls.org.au](mailto:education@suls.org.au)



## On-Campus Assistance

### Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS)

The early years of a law degree can be challenging. To help with this, Peer Assisted Study Sessions (PASS) are open to all students for particular core subjects. An experienced student facilitates each session, which provides students with the opportunity to reinforce the major aspects of their course in an informal, laid back environment, and to make friends with people in their course!

Registrations open in the first week of semester. Sessions fill up quickly so sign up early to secure your spot.

Visit: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/pass.html>

### The Learning Centre

Law School requires reading and writing skills at a higher than average level, and you may find that you would like to further develop or refresh these skills. The Learning Centre at the University of Sydney runs free academic reading and writing workshops targeted towards specific skills and different levels.

Visit: [http://sydney.edu.au/stuserv/learning\\_centre/workshops.shtml](http://sydney.edu.au/stuserv/learning_centre/workshops.shtml).

### Indigenous Tutorial Assistance Scheme

If you are an Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander student, you can access individual or group tuition to assist you with your studies. If you're not signed up to ITAS, you can access support through their drop-in service, where tutors can help you with things such as interpreting essay questions, develop your ideas or referencing.

Visit: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/indigenous-tutorial-assistance-scheme.html>

### Centre for English Teaching

If you have a language background other than English and want to improve your English skills, the Centre of English Teaching offers courses and resources.

Visit: <https://sydney.edu.au/cet/>

### Professional Law Programs

If you have questions about your degree progression, book an appointment with the PLP team who can offer information and advice.

Contact: [law.professional@sydney.edu.au](mailto:law.professional@sydney.edu.au) (02) 9351 0200

### Students' Representative Council (SRC) Help

The SRC is the peak representative body for undergraduate students studying at the University of Sydney. They also provide a range of services to assist students who are struggling with financial, emotional, legal or academic issues. These include a free legal service and caseworkers that can provide advice on academic appeals, Centrelink queries, tenancy advice, work-related problems and a host of other issues. All contact with a caseworker or solicitor is strictly confidential.

Visit: <http://srcusyd.net.au/src-help/>  
Contact: [help@src.usyd.edu.au](mailto:help@src.usyd.edu.au) (02) 9660 5222

### Sydney University Postgraduate Representative Association (SUPRA)

SUPRA is the representative association for postgraduate students (including JD students) at the University of Sydney.

*Student Advice Advocacy Officers (SAAO):* SAAOs offer postgraduate students and SUPRA subscribers advice relating to financial, educational and legal issues. All communications with the SAAOs are treated in absolute confidence. Students can make an appointment or just drop in. To make an appointment or to check opening times, visit the [website](http://www.supra.usyd.edu.au).

Contact: [help@supra.usyd.edu.au](mailto:help@supra.usyd.edu.au) (02) 9351 3715

### Legal Service: Redfern

Legal Centre has a SUPRA-funded branch office (on campus at SUPRA) with a part-time solicitor available to provide free legal advice, representation in court, and a referral service to postgraduate students who are SUPRA Subscribers.

## Simple Extensions, Special Consideration and Appeals

There can be times when circumstances (whether it be injury, illness or misadventure) set us back in completing an assessment or an exam. When this happens, there are a number of options and support services at your disposal.

### Simple Extensions

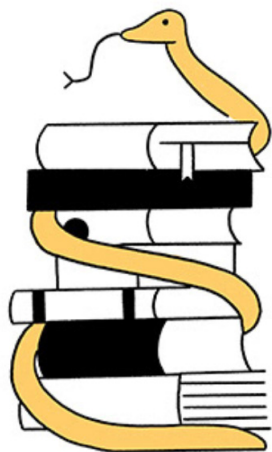
Simple extensions are an informal arrangement between a student and a Unit of Study Coordinator that allow the student to submit a non-examination task up to 2 working days

after the due date free of free of penalty. Note that simple extensions are rarely given in the law faculty.

To apply: email your Unit of Study Coordinator, detailing the reason for your request (along with any supporting documentation should you have any).

For more information: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/simple-extensions.html>

This is provided for on page 48 (clause 66A) of the University's Coursework Policy 2014: <https://sydney.edu.au/policies/showdoc.aspx?recnum=PDOC2014/378&RendNum=0>



### Special Consideration

Special consideration is available to you if your ability to complete assessments or examinations has been impacted by acute short-term circumstances beyond your control, such as injury, illness or misadventure. Circumstances reasonably within your control, or occasional, brief or mild illness that occurs shortly before an assessment is due will not be sufficient.

The success of an application depends heavily on whether you can provide the necessary supporting documentation, so ensure you save and organise your documents.

*Applications need to be made online within 3 working days after the assessment in question.*

If awarded, Special Consideration will take the form of a replacement assessment or formal extension (no additional marks or leniency will

*The online application form can be found here: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration/apply.html>*

apply). Students with a long-term illness, injury or condition should register with Disability Services to obtain ongoing reasonable assessments or exam adjustments as a result of their circumstances.

For more information: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/special-consideration.html>

Late applications are only permitted if a reasonable explanation for the delay is provided. If your ability to complete work is impacted by essential commitments such as compulsory religious or cultural occasions, legal responsibilities or high-level sporting commitments, you may be eligible for special arrangements.

### Appeals

You can appeal an academic decision within 15 working days of the original decision. Examples of grounds of appeals include: failure to adhere to marking criteria or university policies; impartiality; and procedural fairness. At every stage, the university must provide reasons for their decisions and grant you access to all documents concerning the appeal.

There are three types of informal appeals:

For appeals regarding Special Consideration or Special Arrangements, submit an informal resolution request online. Before submitting your appeal, visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/academic-appeals/resolution.html> for vital information.

For appeals regarding applications for credit or reduced volume of learning, submit an informal appeal to [appeals.credit@sydney.edu.au](mailto:appeals.credit@sydney.edu.au). Include your name, student ID, course name, the credit decision you are appealing and the grounds of appeal.

For other appeals (e.g. a mark decision), direct them to the Unit of Study Coordinator. Before submitting your appeal, visit <https://sydney.edu.au/students/academic-appeals/resolution.html> for vital information.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your informal appeal, you may then appeal to the Faculty or Academic Panel, and then to the Student Appeals Body. We advise you to contact the SRC, SUPRA or Vice-President (Education) of SULS for support.

## Discontinuing or Suspending Your Studies

*Discontinuing a subject* is when you withdraw from a Unit of Study. If you discontinue prior to the census date (31 March in Semester 1 or 6 September in Semester 2), you won't receive any academic or financial penalties. You can apply for this through Sydney Student under 'My Studies'.

If you discontinue after the census date up to seven weeks into the semester, you would need to apply for a "Discontinuation - Not to Count as Fail". This will appear on your transcript as "DC", but won't affect your Weighted Average Mark (WAM). However, you may still be liable for tuition fees.

See: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/discontinue-a-unit-of-study.html>

After seven weeks, if you are affected by unforeseeable circumstances which impact your ability to continue a unit, you will need to apply to discontinue directly to the Law Faculty. You will need to show that these were ongoing circumstances that were beyond your control, and that you had reasonable prospects of passing the subject. If successful, you may be eligible for a fee refund. We recommend that you approach the Vice-President (Education) of SULS for assistance with this application for Law units.

See: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/refunds/remissions-and-refunds-under-special-circumstances.html>

*Suspending your studies* is where you take a break from law or university for a semester or more. You must be sure to apply for suspension, and not fail to enrol, as your candidature will lapse and you will be unable to re-apply for the combined degree.

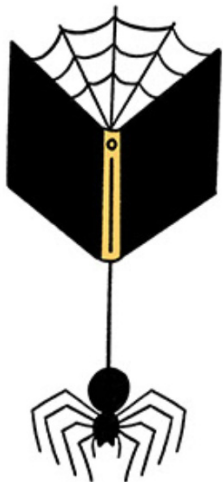
There are additional requirements for suspending a law degree. Applications for suspensions are completed through Sydney Student, and it is recommended that this is done prior to the census date so that you are not liable for any penalties.

See: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/suspend-your-studies/how-to-apply.html>

Discontinuing your course is where you drop out of the entire degree you are studying. In this case, you are either dropping out of tertiary study completely or transferring into another course, which might include changing your non-law degree.

We recommend you discuss such a pivotal decision with a course advisor or the Vice-President (Education) of SULLS to ensure you're following all procedures. If you discontinue after the relevant census date, academic and financial penalties may apply.

See: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/discontinue-your-course.html>



## About the Education Portfolio

With many changes affecting the university experience recently, from in-person classes to Zoom tutorials, it's really important that the Education portfolio is continually providing a bridge between students and Faculty to maintain open communication. Whether you are a JD or LLB, international or domestic student, the Education Portfolio is dedicated to helping students with their concerns as they arise throughout the year.

As students, the quality of our education is not limited to the classroom but also to the community we share with our peers. This year, as VP (Education), I will be advocating for legal education within Sydney Law School to shift towards a more communal and supportive culture. By advocating the needs of international and remote students to Faculty and fostering better relationships between students and teachers throughout every cohort, the Education Portfolio will be focusing on maintaining a sense of connectivity more than ever.

Motivational Mondays (M&Ms), Fun with Professors, Why Law? Podcast  
From teaming up with Campus to Publications, 2021 is all about collaboration and connectivity. With the help of the Campus Director, M&Ms will provide fun (but useful) life hacks on studying and wellbeing featuring students and teachers. Fun with Professors will be an ongoing initiative throughout the year where I will use my relationship with Faculty members to encourage academics to partake in SULLS' social events. The Why Law? Podcast will be aimed at reinvigorating students who may be experiencing (normal) existential crises as to why they picked their degree in the first place.

## Town Halls & Dear Faculty

Being a law student can get difficult and exhausting, especially when you feel isolated from resources that can help you, academically and personally. This is why there are a number of amazing initiatives that the Education Portfolio will bring back from 2020. Town Halls will run at least once a semester to allow you an opportunity to bring your concerns to light regarding Faculty decisions, anonymous or not. Dear Faculty can be found in each SULLS Weekly email which addresses hot topics of the time whether that is Summer/Winter School or the state of the amenities in the law school.

## Education Guide

The Education Guide this year will contain a unique perspective on online learning while continuing the momentum on mental health awareness within the law school and beyond. For further information on educational support as well as the general academic support available through Faculty or the University, feel free to check out the guide!

Sinem Kirk  
Vice President (Education)

# Professional Support

## SULLS Assistance

### SULLS Careers Guide

The SULLS Careers Guide is an award-winning ultimate guide to law careers. It contains extensive careers information on commercial law firms, public sector organisations, and many other areas. It provides detailed information on the process of job applications, qualification and practice within the legal profession.

It also contains Social Justice opportunities, and personal insights from various industry professionals.. It is a must read for all law students trying to successfully navigate their career.

This invaluable resource is available in both hard copy and on the SULLS website, with the 2021 edition available now.

Contact: Cameron Jordan (VP Careers)  
[careers@sulls.org.au](mailto:careers@sulls.org.au)

### SULLS Employment and Workplace Rights Guide

Last year, SULLS published its first ever Employment and Workplace Rights Guide, which canvasses issues of bullying, harassment in the legal profession.

This publication is an invaluable resource for any who wish to learn more about the rights and obligations they are owed by their employer.

See: <https://bit.ly/2SmlGJx>



## Careers Mentoring Program

The SALS Careers Mentoring program is dedicated to providing students with the opportunity to meet industry professionals who work in the fields that they are interested in. This is not limited to commercial lawyers, but rather extends to barristers, judges and even academics who can provide students with some guidance on their future, or answer some unanswered questions.

SALS accepts applications from students of all stages but prioritises penultimate year students without contacts in their field of interest.

Contact: Cameron Jordan (VP Careers)  
[careers@sals.org.au](mailto:careers@sals.org.au)

Also be on the lookout for SALS Women's Mentoring Program, which is an incredible opportunity!

## SALS Careers Presentations

SALS hosts a number of career presentations throughout the year, ranging from information sessions and skills workshops, to corporate law and clerkship seminars.

Events held during Semester One will introduce students to the opportunities available in corporate law, including the clerkship presentations that prepare students for the

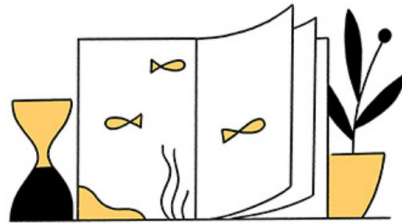
application process. Held every afternoon during weeks 9-12 in Semester 1, Clerkship Presentations culminate with the Clerkship Networking Evening and Careers Guide Launch in the first week of June.

Contact: Cameron Jordan (VP Careers)  
[careers@sals.org.au](mailto:careers@sals.org.au)

## SALS Part Time Jobs Board

The SALS Jobs Board is a fantastic resource for Sydney Law School students seeking part time legal roles and experience. Advertising both paid and unpaid volunteer opportunities, the jobs board is updated regularly.

Visit: <https://www.sals.org.au/jobs-board>  
Contact: Alison Chen (Secretary)  
[secretary@sals.org.au](mailto:secretary@sals.org.au)



## On-Campus Support

### Careers Centre

The university's Careers Centre provides online information, workshops and one-on-one appointments for currently enrolled students to assist with degree or career progression, such as choosing majors, further study and managing career goals.

Visit: [http://sydney.edu.au/careers/career\\_advice/](http://sydney.edu.au/careers/career_advice/)

### CareerHub

CareerHub is the University's online job board where you can find casual and part-time positions, graduate jobs and full-time roles. You can set up email alerts catering to your degree and preferences, and you can access resources and appointments with Career Development Officers through their portal.

Visit: <https://careerhub.sydney.edu.au>

## Off-Campus Support

### BeyondLaw

BeyondLaw is an Australian job site for law students which provides information on career paths, and a job board listing volunteer, internship, part-time and full-time opportunities.

Visit: <https://www.beyondlaw.com.au/>

### Out for Australia

Out for Australia aims to support and mentor aspiring LGBTQ+ professionals through the early stages of their career. They run events about career development, LGBTQ+ inclusion in the workplace and a mentoring program for students and young professionals.

Visit: <http://www.outforaustralia.org/>

### Australian Unions Hotline

The Australian Unions Hotline provides free and confidential advice and assistance to any who may have a problem at work.

Contact: 1300 486 466

In addition, unions provide support such as advice on wages, conditions and workplace rights; assistance for workplace problems; access to union lawyers in relation to workplace issues; and support in relation to issues such as bullying, harassment or unfair dismissal. They are also responsible for representing workers in the creation of Enterprise Bargaining Agreements, which determine the pay and employment conditions of workers in a given industry and workplace.

For most employees in the legal sector, including lawyers and paralegals, the relevant union is the Australian Services Union. If you are currently employed in a different industry

(perhaps while supporting yourself through university, or if you do not seek employment in the legal sector after graduating) be aware that another union may cover that area.

Visit: <https://www.australianunions.org.au/about>

## About the Careers Portfolio

It can be difficult for law students to navigate all of the available careers information and opportunities while undertaking full-time study. The demands of law units, part-time work, extra-curricular, and everything else in your personal life can cause enough stress before even considering the future of your career. The Careers Portfolio aims to act as a means of support for students through the organisation of events and programs, the provision of important careers information, and the creation of a supportive culture.

This year our focus is on encouraging connectivity between students and the legal industry, as well as accessibility of alternate career options for both domestic and international students. We will act as a point of contact for any student enquiries, and dedicate ourselves to improving the student experience. By informing, connecting and supporting students, we will create a more successful and fulfilled law student body.

Make sure to attend as many scheduled events as you can, sign up for mentoring opportunities, and please be sure to reach out if you need any support.

Cameron Jordan  
Vice President (Careers)

## Public Interest Careers: Breaking the Corporate Mould

One of the most crucial tenets of a legal education is the concept of 'justice' and, within it, injustice that is perpetuated even in the confines of our legal system. Public interest issues and careers, however, are all too often sidelined by the strong corporate emphasis of SULS and the law school, reflecting the allocation of demand in the legal job market as a whole. In addition to higher and more predictable remuneration prospects, the corporate pathway offers an element of certainty: get experience as a paralegal, do a clerkship, get a graduate job, and you're set. Those who are determined to dedicate their qualifications to fighting systemic wrongs, from social disadvantage to environmental destruction, take an "alternate" careers pathway. Volunteering for a community legal centre or a non-profit is an aspiration as a student, but relegated to an admirable but underpaid and undesirable option once graduate career decisions come to bear. A well-marketed pro bono program ticks off a firm's due service to social causes, especially where it is at the same time defending big business, such as major polluters or employers seeking to minimise their compensation liabilities. While everyone is entitled to legal representation, there is a profound imbalance in the allocation of representatives and their funding.

I remember starting law school starry-eyed and with such conviction that I would use my law degree to make a difference but, like many others, was soon to realise that money talks, and the law is no different. It's easy to become disillusioned with one's career prospects or, in doing so, be dismissed as an 'activist.' At the same time, however, the questions for social and environmental justice are often some of

the most thought-provoking and significant, at the forefront of public debate on legislative change or the shifting of precedent. It occupies the threshold between the law interpreted as it 'is' and the law which changes over time, a tension that we each confront since studying Foundations in first year. Even outside of legal practice, a law degree is a powerful tool and provides skills that are highly valued in government, think tanks, non-profit and community organisations, diplomacy, and much more.

It has been an enduring priority of the Social Justice portfolio over the years to bring public interest issues, ideas and careers further to the centre of SULS' work. I am committed to nurturing these passions and providing useful, accessible information on social justice careers and current opportunities even more in 2021. I welcome your ideas toward this end and encourage all interested law students to get involved with our many Social Justice events and programs this year. If you're feeling anxious about your goals or career, please reach out to me any time at [socialjustice@suls.org.au](mailto:socialjustice@suls.org.au).

Sophia Semmler  
*Vice President (Social Justice)*

# MENTAL WELLBEING



Sydney law school can be a place where students feel high levels of stress because of heavy workloads and a culture of comparison. Many students also will go through personal struggles during their studies, and mental health can be difficult to maintain with this added pressure. Mental illness can also affect a large number of students, and knowing that you are supported during your time here is our primary goal. SULS is committed to fostering a culture of wellbeing at the law school, and we hope the following resources will guide students through various wellbeing initiatives both on and off campus.

# Support Services

## SULS Initiatives

SULS Wellbeing Events on Campus  
SULS will be running various events both in person and online throughout the year focusing on mental health and wellbeing. The past year has been tough. We want to ensure all law students feel included and supported. Throughout the year we will be running various fun events to bring us all together no matter how physically distant we are. Keep your eyes peeled for Wellbeing Week, monthly yoga, mental health panels and intervarsity events as well as Speedfriending, Trivia Nights, Games Nights and Paint and Sip.

Coupled with this, SULS will also be organising various sport and fitness activities throughout the year. These will include monthly yoga, morning runs, bouldering outings, weekly interfaculty sport and many more. Being physically active releases endorphins, which may be helpful for your mental wellbeing, so feel free to come down to SULS sport and have fun exercising with good company!

The Campus Portfolio seeks to represent law students and support student voice. SULS is committed to ensuring all voices are heard. Let us know what we can do and what you think needs to happen to make the law school a better place. If you ever need anyone to have a chat to, please feel free to reach out to Sofia ([campus@suls.org.au](mailto:campus@suls.org.au)) or Calvin ([sport@suls.org.au](mailto:sport@suls.org.au))!

## On-Campus Support

The University of Sydney Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

The University of Sydney offers support to students through its Counselling and Psychological Services (CAPS). CAPS aims to help students build strengths, improve wellbeing and achieve academic success. Their counselling services are free and confidential, and are available to all currently enrolled undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University. CAPS also offer workshops on issues commonly faced by students, such as procrastination and exam anxiety. A full list of workshops can be found on the CAPS website.

Visit: <https://sydney.edu.au/students/counselling-and-mental-health-support.html>  
Contact: [caps.admin@sydney.edu.au](mailto:caps.admin@sydney.edu.au) (02) 8627 8433  
Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building (beside Wentworth Building), Camperdown Campus

## Disability Services

If you experience a psychiatric or psychological disability, you can receive support from the university Disability Services office. The office helps provide students with adjustments to allow them the best possible opportunity to succeed in their studies. For a more detailed discussion of Disability Support please see our Accessibility and Disability section.

The Law Faculty's Disability Liaison Officer is Mr Joel Harrison.

Contact: Disability Services [disability.services@sydney.edu.au](mailto:disability.services@sydney.edu.au) <https://sydney.edu.au/study/academic-support/disability-support.html>  
Joel Harrison [joel.harrison@sydney.edu.au](mailto:joel.harrison@sydney.edu.au)  
(02) 8627 8162

MAHsoc (Mental Awareness and Health Society)

MAHsoc aims to remove the stigma surrounding mental illness and provide support to those who have, or know someone who has, a mental illness. They often hold talks, free yoga, and post some very helpful advice and information through their online channels.

Contact: [usydmahsoc@gmail.com](mailto:usydmahsoc@gmail.com)  
<https://www.facebook.com/MAHsoc-298593186934594/?fref=ts>

## Off-Campus Support

Camperdown and Redfern Community Health

The Camperdown and Redfern Community Health teams provide crisis and case management services for adults experiencing a range of mental health problems, such as depression, mood disorders and severe anxiety. They provide information about mental health problems, individual treatment to assist recovery and can introduce other services that may be able to help.

Contact: Camperdown Community Health Centre, Level 5 (Street Level), KGV Building, Missenden Road, Camperdown. (02) 9515 9000  
Redfern Community Health Centre, 103 – 105 Redfern Street, Redfern. (02) 9395 0444

## Headspace

Headspace is the National Youth Mental Health Foundation which offers young people aged 12-25 health advice, support and information on a wide range of issues including general health, mental health, alcohol and other drug worries. The closest headspace centre to campus is Camperdown.

Contact: Level 2, 97 Church Street Camperdown [headspace.camperdown@sydney.edu.au](mailto:headspace.camperdown@sydney.edu.au)  
(02) 9114 4100

The Black Dog Institute

The Black Dog Institute is a world leader in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of mood disorders such as depression and bipolar disorder. They also have clinics, but their healthcare professionals require a referral from a patient's managing doctor.

Contact: Hospital Road, Prince of Wales Hospital, Randwick [blackdog@blackdog.org.au](mailto:blackdog@blackdog.org.au)  
(02) 9382 4530

beyondblue (online)

beyondblue is a not-for-profit organisation that aims to move the focus on depression away from a mental health service issue and towards one which is understood, acknowledged and addressed by the wider community.

The beyondblue website provides specific resources for young people, LGBTI people, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, women, and friends and family of someone experiencing depression. There is a 24 hour hotline and you can chat online with a professional via the website.

Contact: <http://www.beyondblue.org.au/>  
1300 02 4636 (24 hour hotline)

International Students

If you are located outside Australia, or are more comfortable speaking in another language, the University of Sydney offers mental health support services that are tailored to offshore and multilingual students.

For peer-to-peer assistance, the TalkCampus



app provides free support for mental health and the opportunity to make friends in a safe, anonymous, and multilingual environment.

The university can also link students to peer support advisors who are available to chat via Zoom, as well as numerous Mandarin, Cantonese and English-speaking helplines.

For more information, visit: <https://www.sydney.edu.au/students/counselling-and-mental-health-support/support-for-offshore-students.html>

More general resources such as the Head Set module in Canvas and the Psychology Tools guide (available in 43 languages) aim to advise students about managing anxiety, loneliness and stress during COVID-19.



## Maintaining a Balance

Life is full of challenges and complications, to say the least. Law school presents, not just as a mountain in and of itself, but as a series of mountains; the very path is beset with fatigue, and stress even for the most capable and willing. Uni brings a newfound freedom, but also new responsibilities. You no longer have someone keeping you accountable and holding your hand to make sure nothing goes wrong. Many of you will be working, or paying rent and bills and other living costs. Alongside this is the temptation to drive yourself headlong into study, to justify personal sacrifices for academic gain. Such decisions, made without heed, may jeopardise a balanced lifestyle, and pose more harm than good.

It may be easy to hear stories of people studying until the morning, or balancing three jobs and feel a sense of guilt for not being so dedicated, or hardworking. That's normal! We live life in constant comparison, always looking to see what other people are doing, wondering how they're doing it so well. The important thing to remember is that balance, like many things in life, is subjective. Everyone's "perfect equilibrium" is different because everyone's situation is different. Where some people feel confident in their ability to juggle responsibility, others may be more tentative. Where some students are motivated by study others may find it difficult to concentrate. To prescribe a perfect "balance" is to, once again, engage in acts of comparison. Taking care of ourselves begins by asking ourselves questions on what we want, and whether it is worth it for the price of admission.

There is no "right" way to get through university. But a surefire way to make your time as best it can be is to give yourself an avenue to do what

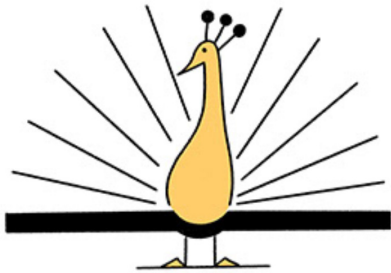
you want, and to make yourself happy. Whether that looks like indulging in your hobbies, getting involved in a sporting side, volunteering at a cause you are passionate about, even expanding your education - it is incredibly important to keep yourself refreshed, and rejuvenated by breaking the pattern of study and work. It may even be as simple as finding the time to spend with friends, family or even just yourself.

SULS is here to provide meaningful experiences, and wonderful people to assist in your time at university. Joining one of our wide-ranging portfolios is a surefire way to meet like-minded students, while our autonomous officers (Equity, Womens, Queer, Ethnocultural, First Nations) work continuously to be supportive and understanding to the students under their purview. From social and campus events, to writing opportunities, to panels and talks with academics and faculty, SULS is constantly working to improve the law student experience.

So, our best advice on the matter is to consider your own health, safety, and happiness; balance is paramount in life, as it is in all things.

Justin Lai  
Publications Director

# WELFARE, HEALTH & SAFETY



SULS hosts a number of social and other events on and off campus to give students a chance to socialise and gather as a community. It is crucial that students feel safe in all of their social interactions, and this is especially true for events hosted by SULS given the degree of proximity students will have to each other while studying at the same university. SULS is committed to ensuring this for our students whether in class, at an event, or travelling to and from university.

## Emergencies and Important Numbers (24 hours, 7 days a week)

If you are in an emergency:

Fire, Police and Ambulance: 000 or 112 from a mobile phone

If you are in an acute mental health crisis:

Lifeline: 13 11 14

NSW Mental Health Access Line: 1800 011 511

If you have experienced sexual harassment or assault:

Police (in an emergency): 000 (in an emergency)

Police Assistance Line: 131 444

NSW Rape Crisis Centre: 1800 424 017

University of Sydney Crisis Line: 1800 793 457  
(1800 SYD HLP)

If you are experiencing or witnessing an incident on-campus, or feel unsafe at the University:

University of Sydney Crisis Line: 1800 793 457  
(1800 SYD HLP)

Campus Security: (02) 9351 3333

Safer Communities Office

Your personal safety and recovery from any experienced trauma is our first priority.

Our Student Liaison Officers are specialist staff members with expertise in providing support to those that have experienced sexual assault, harassment, bullying and domestic/family violence. You can organise an appointment with a Student Liaison Officer to discuss what support you may need. They will also help you navigate the support services and reporting options available to you.

Student Liaison Officers are available from 8.30am-5.30pm, Monday to Friday.

To organise an appointment:

- Call +61 2 8627 6808
- Email [safer-communities.officer@sydney.edu.au](mailto:safer-communities.officer@sydney.edu.au)

The University has launched a confidential form to report sexual misconduct online. You can make a disclosure or a complaint to the university about sexual misconduct and the Safer Communities Office will help you accordingly. These online forms allow you to report a recent or historical incident of sexual misconduct that you have experienced. If you report an incident, it will not affect your academic record in any way. If you are an international student, your visa will not be affected.

For more information, visit:

<https://www.sydney.edu.au/about-us/vision-and-values/safer-communities/report-sexual-misconduct.html>

## SULS Events Code of Conduct

SULS observes a code of conduct at all events for how members are expected to behave. By attending a SULS event, all members agree to the policy. If you witness or experience conduct that causes discomfort, distress, or danger, it is important that you bring this to the attention of a member of the SULS Executive.

With an Equity Officer and a diverse executive team, we will assign the most appropriate and suitable person to handle an issue. There are a variety of available procedures for handling conduct violations, from a discussion to more serious sanctions.

Last year SULS' Events Code of Conduct was updated to provide a clearer mechanism by which complaints may be actioned, as well as to further establish support at SULS events and socials. SULS does not tolerate discrimination, harassment, bullying, or any form of violence under any circumstances, and if members engage in this conduct they will face a range of disciplinary measures as a result. During events, we have Wellbeing Personnel who are responsible for promoting the safety and comfort of our participants, and serve as a point of contact for any individuals wishing to raise a concern about their safety or wellbeing.



## Wellbeing in the Socials Portfolio

Attending law school is a uniquely high pressure environment, that recommends students prioritise their health (mental and physical) throughout to stay on track in the experience. We acknowledge that achieving wellbeing while undertaking your degree is part of the challenge for many unique reasons. Thus, the Social portfolio strives to help every student find balance amid their academic worries and individual concerns, via facilitating accessible, safe and inclusive events for all to enjoy.

So while everyone needs to take a break from the daily law school stressors, no student's lived experience is the same. Thus, we aim to provide equal access and opportunity at every event to ensure all students can reap from a supportive social environment that fosters meaningful friendships and confidants, and so you are never alone in the ongoing journey.

For us to achieve these aims effectively, we uphold a strict code of conduct, and take thorough evaluation in our event planning, including but not limited to considerations such as accessibility, safety, financial burdens and costs, gender/sexual orientation diversity and dietary needs.

Further, we ensure Wellbeing Personnel and the Social Directors are always on stand-by at any event as a trusted point of contact.

If you ever have questions or concerns regarding anything, including and never limited to potential accommodations, alternative ways we can run events or other equity considerations/needs for events, please do not hesitate to contact us at [social@suls.org.au](mailto:social@suls.org.au). Our top priority is listening and providing equally for

the student cohort, which can only be achieved if every person feels safe, heard and welcome.

In return, if you see someone standing on their own at Welcome Week or Law Camp, we suggest (if you feel comfortable) to make the first move and say hi. You never know whose day you will change, or if they may just become a new lifelong friend.

Onor Nottle & Georgja Spilsbury Watson  
*Social Directors*



## Health and Medical

### On-Campus Services

The University of Sydney Health Service

The University Health Service offers experienced general practitioner and emergency medical care services to all members of the University community. Services

include treatment of illness and injury, advice on contraception and STIs, and advice for students with examination difficulties. You can make an appointment online.

Contact: Wentworth Clinic, Wentworth Building G01 on Butlin Avenue, Level 3  
<http://sydney.edu.au/health-service/services/index.php> (02) 9351 3484

### Off-Campus Services

Royal Prince Alfred Hospital

This is the closest public hospital and emergency department to campus.

In a emergency, dial 000  
50 Missenden Road, Camperdown NSW 2050

Sydney Medical Service

Sydney Medical Service is available for after-hours home visits.

Contact: (02) 8724 6300  
Weeknights 6:00pm to 8:00am;  
Weekends 12:00pm Saturday to 8:00am Monday



## Youthblock Youth Health Service

Youthblock is a free holistic health service for young marginalised people between the ages of 12 and 25, providing services in primary care, counselling and sexual health.

Contact: 288 Abercrombie Street,  
Redfern NSW 2016  
Mon, Tues, Thu & Fri 9.00-5.00pm, Wed  
11:30am-5:00pm  
<https://youthpoint.com.au/youthblock-youth-health-service/> (02) 9562 5640

## Aboriginal Medical Service Redfern

The Aboriginal Medical Service Cooperative in Redfern provides culturally appropriate health care to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities. Their services are delivered and predominantly managed by professional Aboriginal staff.

Contact: 36 Turner Street, Redfern NSW  
2016  
Mon-Thu 8am-6pm, Fri 9am-5pm  
<https://amsredfern.org.au/> (02) 9319  
5823

## Ask for Angela

Ask for Angela is an internationally-recognised safety campaign which has been implemented in Sydney by NSW Police, the Australian Hotels Association, and the City of Sydney. Patrons who feel unsafe can ask bar staff for a woman named Angela to subtly indicate that they need help.



# Accommodation

## On-Campus Services

### Accommodation Services

Finding accommodation that is right for you can take time and research. You should consider factors such as your proximity to university and work, social life, budget, and access to transportation. The Accommodation Services team is available to help you with advice when you are looking for a place to live. If you are in need of short-term or emergency housing, they can work with you to find temporary accommodation.

Contact: Level 5, Jane  
Foss Russell Building  
(10am-4pm Mon-Fri),  
Camperdown Campus  
[www.sydney.edu.au/accommodation](http://www.sydney.edu.au/accommodation) (02)  
9351 3322

### On-Campus Living Options

The advantages to living on campus include proximity to your classes, access to the nearby city, shops, and restaurants, and university life. Several students utilise on-campus accommodation options such as the six residential colleges, the Sydney University Village (SUV), International House and university-owned share houses.

Information regarding scholarship applications for Queen Mary Building, Abercrombie Student Accommodation and the residential colleges are available on their websites.

Visit: <http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation/live-on-campus.html>

## Student Accommodation Services (Off-Campus)

The University of Sydney is located in the inner west, with the surrounding suburbs of Newtown, Surry Hills, Glebe, Ultimo, Chippendale, Haymarket, Camperdown, Redfern, Darlington, Annandale, Stanmore, Enmore and Forest Lodge. You may wish to rent a share-house, single rooms, or search for homestay options.

Rent is often quoted and charged on a weekly basis. Typically, the closer you are to the Central Business District, the more sought-after and expensive the units are. The University maintains a page with links to various homestay agencies, hostels, and real estate agencies: <http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/accommodation/live-off-campus.html>

A number of students choose to live in student accommodation run by private providers. Some of these places close to the University of Sydney include:

- UniLodge (Broadway or Wattle Street)
- Urbanest (Darlington, Glebe, Cleveland Street or Sydney Central)
- Iglu (Broadway, Redfern, Central or Central Park)
- Scape Abercrombie (Darlington)

You may also like to search through real estate agencies, accommodation websites such as <https://flatmates.com.au> and Facebook share house pages.

Make sure you are aware of your rights as a tenant. The free university SRC legal service can assist your with advice on tenancy law if you have any questions: <http://srcusyd.net.au/src-legal-service>

# Transport

## Opal Cards

The Opal card is a smartcard ticket that you keep and reuse. You load money onto the card to pay for travel on all public transport in Sydney.

If you are enrolled as a domestic, full-time tertiary student at the University of Sydney, you are entitled to certain concession fares on public transport in NSW. Don't forget: when travelling on a concession fare, you must carry your student card or you may be fined.

Visit: <https://www.opal.com.au/>

## Train

The closest train station to campus is Redfern, which is a 10-minute walk from Camperdown campus. Students travelling to or from the campus after hours should use the free campus shuttle bus which runs on a loop from Fisher Library to Redfern Station via Manning Road, Western Avenue, Carillion Ave, City Road, Butlin Avenue, Maze Crescent, and Blackwattle Creek Lane during semester every 15-20 minutes.

## Buses

From Parramatta Road (closest to the Quadrangle) to Railway Square, catch routes 412, 413, 436, 438, 439, 440, 461, 480, 483, M10, L39 and L38.

From Parramatta Road (closest to the Quadrangle) to Martin Place/City, catch routes 413, 438, 439, L38 and L39.

From City Road (closest to Wentworth Building) to Railway Square, catch routes 422, 423, 426, 428 or M30.

## Parking

With limited parking on campus, the University encourages students to use public transport, walk or cycle in. There is free parking available in the bus lane on Parramatta Road near Footbridge between 10am-3pm Monday-Friday, and timed parking spots around Darlington and Forest Lodge.

*Daytime casual parking rates*  
(6am–3pm, Monday to Friday)

Fee: \$24 flat rate (valid until 6am next day) excluding the New Law Building carpark, which is permit-holders only 6am-3pm Monday to Friday. Use the Shepherd Street carpark during these hours.

Shepherd Street carpark

Fee: \$4 per hour (to maximum \$24) or \$24 flat rate (valid to 6am next morning)

*Evening and weekend casual parking rates*  
(3pm–6am, Monday to Friday; 6am Saturday to 6am Monday)

Fee: \$2 per hour (to maximum \$6) or \$6 flat rate (valid until 6am next day)

For more information on parking and other campuses, visit: <http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/getting-to-campus/parking.html>



## Cycling

Riding your bike to university is environmentally friendly, saves money and a great way to keep active! There are many places around campus where you can leave your bike during class: <http://sydney.edu.au/campus-life/getting-to-campus/cycling.html>

The University of Sydney even has its own bike shop on Manning Road, The Bike Doctor, where you can pop in for repairs, purchases and advice.

## International Students

*Public Transport*

International students are only entitled to concession fares on NSW public transport when their study is fully funded by specified Australian Government scholarships, comprised of:

The International Postgraduate Research Scholarships

The Endeavour Postgraduate Scholarships and Education and Training Scholarships

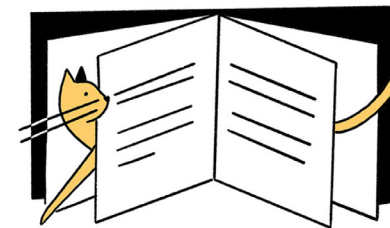
The Australian Awards

To view the guidelines for eligibility visit: <https://transportnsw.info/document/581/tertiary-guidelines.pdf>. If you are eligible, you must apply for a Transport Concession Entitlement Card.

*Driving*

International students wishing to drive with a foreign licence in Australia must meet the requirements as set out by the Roads and Maritime Services. For information on Driving with an Overseas Licence, visit: <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/transaction/transfer-overseas-driver-licence>

# ACCESSIBILITY & DISABILITY



## SULS Support

### Equity Portfolio

The SULS Equity Officer is the main contact for students to reach out to about accessibility concerns, one of their constitutional duties being to work with the Faculty to ensure that issues of disability access are addressed. This year, we have launched the new [Equity Support Box](#), in which students can anonymously or otherwise make suggestions about increasing the accessibility of both SULS and Sydney Law School more broadly. Students can also contact the Equity Officer, Eden McSheffrey directly at [equity@suls.org.au](mailto:equity@suls.org.au) or in person during rostered SULS office hours.

Throughout the year, the equity portfolio will continue to advocate for students with disabilities, and will run a number of events considering the interaction between the law and disability. Equal access is a cornerstone of SULS' values, and the society is committed to supporting each and every student at Sydney Law School, so if you have any accessibility concerns, want to speak to someone about disability services, or just want someone to listen, the SULS Equity Portfolio will continuously operate to support you.



## University Support

### Disability Services

Disability Services helps students with a disability access reasonable adjustments to allow them the best possible opportunity to succeed in their studies. Disability Services is the main point of contact and support for students with disabilities and works closely with others in the administration and academic departments of the University to ensure that appropriate arrangements relating to teaching and assessment are made for students with disabilities.

Registration with the service is required, at which point a Disability Services Officer will assess your eligibility for

the service. Services available will depend on the individual needs of the student, but can for example include exam and assessment adjustments.

The Law Faculty's Disability Liaison Officer is Mr Joel Harrison.

Contact:  
Disability Services  
[disability.services@sydney.edu.au](mailto:disability.services@sydney.edu.au)  
<https://sydney.edu.au/study/academic-support/disability-support.html>  
Joel Harrison  
[joel.harrison@sydney.edu.au](mailto:joel.harrison@sydney.edu.au)  
(02) 8627 8162

## External Support

### National Disability Insurance Scheme (NDIS)

The NDIS is a federal government initiative which provides funding directly to individuals with a disability. There are several eligibility criteria that must be met, and you can submit an application through an access request form or by calling them. Some of the things they look at when assessing an application include, among other things, whether you need support from another person because of a permanent

or significant disability, whether you require special equipment for the same reason, or if you need supports now to reduce your future needs. You must be between the ages of 7-65, live in Australia and have Australian residency to be eligible.

The NDIS can provide financial support for services or goods which improve your daily activity, and a whole range of other supports including for transportation, therapeutic supports, help with household tasks, home modification, mobility equipment and workplace help.

### Disability Support Pension

The Disability support Pension provides financial help if you have a permanent physical, intellectual or psychiatric condition that stops you from working. The payment requires satisfaction of medical and non-medical criteria. For more information, visit: <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/disability-support-pension>

### Youth Disability Supplement

A fortnightly additional payment of up to \$129.80, available if you receive the Disability Support Pension and are under 21, or if you receive Youth Allowance or ABSTUDY, are disabled and are under 22. This supplement is automatically applied if you are eligible.

### Mobility Allowance

The Mobility Allowance helps with travel costs for work, study or looking for work. You may get it if you can't use public transport without help because of disability.

For more financial assistance and resources for people with a disability, visit: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/individuals/subjects/payments-people-living-illness-injury-or-disability>

# OTHER SUPPORT SERVICES



## Legal Advice

### Community Legal Centres

A range of local Community Legal Centres (CLC's) provide free legal advice to young people about a whole range of issues, including for example criminal matters, employment matters and issues with tenancy. Some legal centres operate state-wide youth advice clinics, as well as means-assessed general legal advice services.

In the event that you need legal advice for free or at a reduced cost, you can find your local CLC by visiting <https://www.clcnsw.org.au>

## Campus Support

### Student Affairs Unit

All students at the University of Sydney have a right to study in an environment that is free from unlawful harassment and discrimination, and to be treated with dignity and respect, irrespective of their background, beliefs or

Contact:  
<https://sydney.edu.au/students/contact-student-affairs.html>  
(02) 8627 8465

culture. If you feel that you have experienced unlawful discrimination or harassment, contact the Student Affairs Unit to speak to a Harassment and Discrimination Support Officer or to make a complaint.

## University of Sydney Union Spaces

There are a number of safe spaces for groups on campus, which include:

- **Queerspace:** Queerspace is an autonomous, safe space for queer students on campus. It is located in Meeting Room 1, Ground Floor of the Holme Building.
- **Wom\*n's Space:** The Wom\*n's Space is a safe location for female-identifying students and offers an area for breastfeeding, quiet study, meetings and women's events. It is located in Manning House Level 1.
- **International Student Lounge:** The ISL is located on Level 4 of the Wentworth Building and offers resources to help international students transition into life at Sydney University.
- **Ethnocultural Space:** The Ethnocultural Space is a safe and autonomous space for students who identify as being from an ethnic minority. It is located in Manning House Level 1.

## Mature-Aged students

The Sydney Law School offers a Peer Mentoring Program at the beginning of semester. Students who were unable to participate in this program or would like to get in touch with other mature-aged students are welcome to register their interest with the Equity Officer. SULS is exploring the opportunity to establish a network for mature-aged students at law school, and your comments and suggestions are welcome.

Contact: Eden McSheffrey (Equity Officer)  
[equity@suls.org.au](mailto:equity@suls.org.au)



## Parents

### SULS Parent Group

The SULS Parent Group was established as a social network for parents studying law. It meets once a month casually to allow parents the opportunity to share their experience and to get to know and support one another. Students with family obligations are also warmly invited to join the group.

Contact: Eden McSheffrey (Equity Officer)  
[equity@suls.org.au](mailto:equity@suls.org.au)

### Childcare Information Office

The Sydney University Childcare Information Office on the Darlington Campus provides childcare resources and support for students, staff and members of the local community. It has information about the 5 centres closest to campus, relevant government agencies and other daycare centres.

Location: Level 5, Jane Foss Russell Building (near Wentworth Building), Camperdown Campus

Open: 10am to 4pm, Monday to Wednesday.

Email: [child.care@sydney.edu.au](mailto:child.care@sydney.edu.au) Phone: (02) 86271489

### Parent rooms

#### *Abercrombie Building*

Location: Level B2, Room B2001, Abercrombie Building

Shared facility suitable for expressing/breastfeeding containing a lounge, privacy screens, sink, powerpoint and fridge. Accessible with a swipe card. To organise access, contact the Business School Infrastructure Office on (02) 91141130.

#### *Business School Building*

Location: Level 1, Room 109, Business School Building

Shared facility suitable for expressing/breastfeeding containing a lounge, privacy screens, sink, powerpoint and fridge. Accessible with a swipe card. To organize access, contact the Business School Infrastructure Office on (02) 91141130.

#### *Education Building*

Location: Level 4, Room 454, Education Building.

Shared, first aid room, suitable for expressing/breastfeeding. It is private and lockable, has a bed and powerpoint.

#### *Fisher Library*

Location: Level 3, Fisher Library (front desk security attended will provide access and directions)

Parent room including zip hot water, chilled water, microwave, fridge, change table, nappy disposal unit. Has privacy with small table and chairs for breastfeeding.

#### *Holme Building*

Location: Disability Access Toilet, Holme Building

Accessible via Holme Building Courtyard, the disability access toilet has a baby change table.

#### *Jane Foss Russell Building*

Location: Disability Access Toilets on Levels 4, 5, 6 of the Jane Foss Russell Building  
Each toilet has a baby change table.

#### *Manning House*

Location: Level 1, Manning House.

The Wom\*n's Space may be used by mothers and has a change table.

#### *Childcare around Camperdown Campus*

There are three day care centres on or near the Camperdown campus. These do not preference Sydney University staff or students and parents are required to apply to each centre to be placed on its waiting list.

#### *KU Laurel Tree House Child Care Centre*

61 Arundel Street, Glebe. (02) 9660 8857  
<http://www.ku.com.au/ku.laureltreehouse>

#### *KU Union Child Care Centre*

72 Lander Street, Darlington (02) 9351 7878  
<http://www.ku.com.au/ku.union>

#### *KU Carillon Avenue Child Care Centre*

Carillon Ave (Next to Newtown North Primary School), Newtown  
(02) 9557 2344 <http://www.ku.com.au/ku.carillonavenue>

#### *Boundary Lane Children's Centre*

128-146 Burren Street Newtown NSW 2042  
(02) 93510134 [boundary.lane@sydney.edu.au](mailto:boundary.lane@sydney.edu.au)

#### *Babysitting Services and Nannies*

The Sydney University CareerHub allows parents to advertise for paid babysitting/ nanny positions.

Visit: [http://sydney.edu.au/careers/employers/job\\_ads/](http://sydney.edu.au/careers/employers/job_ads/)

