We hope you all enjoyed the mid-semester break and managed to catch up with your studies at the same time. We would also like to remind you that it is time to think about exam preparation again before too late! Meanwhile, in this October issue of the International Student Newsletter, you will find information that is important and relevant for you as international student as always.

YOUR STUDENT VISA
YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

If you hold an Australian student visa, you must be aware of, and comply with, certain conditions. For example, you must:

- **Make satisfactory academic progress:** The University is required to inform the Department of Immigration and Border Protection (DIBP) if a student visa holder is excluded from his or her course, due to a failure to make satisfactory academic progress. If you are experiencing academic difficulties and are concerned about the impact of your academic progress on your student visa, it is important that you contact the International Student Advisers and your Faculty/School Advisers as soon as possible. The International Student Advisers or Faculty/School Advisers can provide you with information about the support services available to you on campus. They can also make helpful suggestions about how to get your studies back on track and to navigate the visa processes.

- **Maintain Overseas Student Health Cover (OSHC):** Student visa holders must maintain OSHC for the entire duration of their stay in Australia. If you need to renew your policy, you should contact your OSHC provider directly. If your policy was initially arranged for you by the University, you can visit the Allianz Global Assistance Overseas Student Health Cover website for assistance. Your policy number is your student identification number plus the letters US (for example, 300000000US). You can speak with a representative of this provider at the International Office.

- **Update your contact details:** If your contact details (including your address) change at any time, you must update them within 7 days of the change by logging into MyUni.

You can find information about your personal student visa conditions, as well as other information about your visa, by visiting DIBP’s Visa Entitlement Verification Online (VEVO) website. To access the website, you will need your Transaction Reference Number (TRN) or password. You will also need to enter your date of birth, passport number, and passport country. If you are a student visa holder, you can find more information about your enrolment and study at the International Student Visa Related Information page of the University’s website. Further information about student visas can also be found on the DIBP website.
WorkINg WHILE YoU STUDY

From 26 March 2012, a student visa holder whose visa subclass is 573 is allowed to work for up to 40 hours per fortnight while his or her course is in session. A fortnight means a period of fourteen (14) days, commencing on any Monday and ending on the second following Sunday.

A Higher Degree by Research (HDR) student visa holder whose visa subclass is 574 can work unlimited hours once his or her course has commenced.

If you are looking for a part-time job, the Careers Centre may be able to assist you. Visit the Careers Centre website for more information on their services.

CONTACTING THE INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ADVISERS

The International Student Advisers can provide you with general advice, visa-related information and other support. If you are a sponsored student, they can also assist you with any sponsorship-related issues. The Advisers look forward to helping you with the challenges of studying in another country.

The Advisers can provide you with information by email, by phone, or at a face-to-face meeting. If you would like to make an appointment to meet with an Adviser, please visit our website for more information.

If you would like to receive information about current events and opportunities, join the International Office’s Gamarada email list. Click here to add your name to the list.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO STUDENTS WHO CHANGED EDUCATION PROVIDER

Have you recently transferred from another education provider to the University of Sydney while your student visa is still valid? Or, is your current visa granted with an eCoE that was issued by another education provider? If so, as soon as you receive the new eCoE from the University of Sydney, you should notify DIBP. This will avoid your current visa being cancelled when your previous education provider notify DIBP of your cessation of studies.

VERGE FESTIVAL 2013 ON ITS WAY!

Verge, Sydney University’s annual Arts and Culture festival exists to let students explore the arts or simply to have fun. Come on down for 2 weeks of fantastic art, music, dance, drama and other amazing parties and activities!

Kicking off on Wednesday 9 October is the Opening Night Party in the Verge Dome. There is also the Closing Night Party at Manning Bar on Friday 18 October, with indie band Sticky Fingers providing the musical entertainment.

If you are more of a book or film guru, check out the Game of Thrones and Harry Potter trivia nights happening on Tuesday 15 October and Friday 18 October. SUDS (Drama Society) will satisfy any appetite for performance with their Wine Cellar program back with more plays than ever, and the Get Up Stand Up comedy competition will have you rolling on the floor laughing.

Like the Verge Festival Facebook Page to hear about all the cool events that will be happening!
LIVE AT INTERNATIONAL HOUSE
APPLICATIONS FOR 2014 NOW OPEN

International House is a University owned and operated residential college. It provides residential accommodation for around 200 students from 47 countries all over the world, including Australia. It operates with a basic charter to nurture a resident community of scholars who are committed to the value of international understanding and fellowship.

More than simply accommodation for undergraduate and postgraduate students, the House offers a unique experience in a mature living environment, where people from many countries will develop a greater understanding and appreciation of different cultures and nationalities.

The majority of our accommodation is single rooms, with shared facilities. We do have a limited number of twin share and en-suite rooms available as well. All these rooms are fully catered, furnished and include unlimited internet and cleaning every two weeks. Also included in the weekly cost are academic tutorials, social and cultural events, student union membership, sports membership and 24-hour on-call support.

Students who choose to live in a residential college enter into a way of life that enriches their university experience. Residential colleges enrich your education academically, socially and culturally. You will have the opportunity to live in a vibrant community, in the company of friends, peers, mentors and leaders.

Apply online today to live at International House at sydney.edu.au/internationalhouse.

IMPORTANT SEMESTER DATES

Monday, 7 October 2013
Labour Day

Friday, 1 November 2013
Last day of lectures (Sem 2)
Last day to Discontinue Fail (Sem 2)

SYDNEY UNI SPORT & FITNESS
SUMMER SHORT COURSES

Want to get fit, learn new skills, meet new people – and do it all in a fun environment over summer?

Sydney Uni Sport & Fitness has many different short courses over the summer period for you to experience.

With many water based courses on offer, you can learn how to surf some of Australia’s best beaches through one of our Surf Camps or complete an internationally accredited Scuba Diving course.

Enrol in the indoor rock climbing course and challenge yourself to conquer the exciting new wall at The Ledge in the Arena Sports Centre.

With so many courses on offer, there will be one that suits you! Courses are open to everyone and discounts are available for USYD students and staff, and SUSF members. For more information and to register in a short course, please visit www.susf.com.au, email recreation@sport.usyd.edu.au or call 1300 068 922.
GET PUMPED UP FOR RIDE2UNI DAY

The University of Sydney will be taking part in this year’s Ride2Uni day, on 16 October. To promote cycling as a healthy and sustainable mode of transport to and from the University, students and staff who register for the event are invited to ride to Eastern Avenue between 7-10am for a free breakfast hosted by the Sustainability Unit at CIS and supported by Healthy Sydney University. Participants will also have access to a free bicycle safety check from the University’s resident Bike Doctor who is offering 10% discount vouchers to registered staff and students.

What’s On: Free Breakfast
When: 7am -10am Wednesday 16 October 2013
Where: Eastern Avenue
How do I register? Take this short survey to register to Ride2Uni.

RIDE TO UNI AND MAP YOUR JOURNEY!

A group of University of Sydney staff are working together to create a visual story showing how students and staff are cycling to the University. Staff and students who ride their bike to uni at any time between 14-18 October are invited to map one of their rides using a mapping app, GPS device or mapping website. They then download and email their mapped route (in GPX format) to be added to the visualisation. If you're interested in taking part, visit the Map your Bike Ride event page for more information and instructions on how to be involved.

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MESSAGE FROM THE SCR LEGAL SERVICES

“If it’s so much better to be smart!”

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We can negotiate with insurance companies for you.

Do you have a legal problem?
We can help for free!

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