



USU Statement Regarding Welcome Fest

The USU is excited to welcome our new and returning members to campus for Welcome Fest 2024. We appreciate the importance of Welcome Fest as a highlight in the university experience for all our members. The various welcome activities across the week provide opportunities for students to make friends, get involved with Clubs and Societies and to connect with the wider University community.

To ensure that our members have the best experience in this year's Welcome Fest, we would like to reiterate our strong commitment to the USU's core values of inclusivity, connectedness, and respect. We are committed to **a campus that is safe and free from discrimination** in all its forms. As a community with diverse experiences and perspectives, we uphold the obligations provided in the [University of Sydney Student Charter](#).

We respect our members' rights to express their views freely and respectfully. It is our organisation's goal to facilitate **an open and collaborative space** for students to engage in any activity and discussion that interests them. However, we will not, under any circumstances, tolerate behaviours that impede on the safety and wellbeing of others in our University and wider community. Such behaviours include, but are not limited to, language or conduct that is disrespectful, racist, discriminatory, or violent, and also include inciting such behaviour from others.

We hope you have a fun, vibrant, and safe Welcome Fest and please make sure to reach out to us if you ever need anything.

For more information on support services:

- A full list of student responsibilities and the student charter can be found [here](#)
- For any Clubs and Societies with members who wish to seek support through the USU's counselling service provider or require support in running events, please get in touch by emailing D.Programs@usu.edu.au
- The University also has a range of support services which can be found [here](#)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Naz Sharifi'.

Naz Sharifi
USU President