



USU Statement on Welcome Fest 2026

The University of Sydney Union (USU) is delighted to welcome new and returning students back to campus for Welcome Fest 2026, a vibrant start to the academic year and a celebration of student life. As the heart of uni life right here at USYD, Welcome Fest brings our community together through clubs and societies, live activations, social events, and opportunities for students to connect and feel part of campus from day one.

Given recent events in our community, student safety and wellbeing are more important than ever. To ensure all students have a positive and meaningful experience, the USU reaffirms its strong commitment to its core values of inclusivity, connectedness, and respect. We are dedicated to fostering a campus environment that is safe, welcoming, and free from discrimination in all its forms. As a diverse student community, we recognise and uphold the principles set out in the [University of Sydney Student Charter](#).

The USU supports students' rights to express their views freely and respectfully, and we remain committed to facilitating open dialogue and collaboration across our community. At the same time, behaviours that undermine the safety, wellbeing, or dignity of others, including harassment, discrimination, or violence, have no place at Welcome Fest or within our broader campus environment.

We encourage all students to take part in Welcome Fest with openness, curiosity, and respect for one another. If you or someone you know requires support, please reach out to the USU at wellbeing@usu.edu.au or the university's support services (see [here](#)).

We wish everyone a safe, inclusive, and memorable Welcome Fest experience.

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