



# **USU Board Statement on Acts of Racial Violence**

The USU condemns recent acts of violence, reported by the Daily Mail as racially motivated, perpetrated against a Chinese couple for speaking their native language. These acts are both abhorrent and in direct opposition to the values of the USU. No student or person should ever feel unsafe because of who they are, where they come from, or the language they speak.

We recognise that these events, whilst not occurring at the University of Sydney, may be particularly distressing for international students. The USU would like to take this opportunity to reiterate its full support for the rights and safety of international students and reaffirm our commitment to creating a campus environment where all community members may study, teach, or engage without concern for their safety. It is paramount that we all work towards fostering a safe, welcoming, and inclusive environment for all students at our university regardless of background, nationality, race, gender identity, or language.



**If you or someone you know has been affected,  
we encourage you to access the following  
support services:**

**USYD Safer Communities;**

Phone: (02) 8627 6808; After-hours: 1800 793 457

**USYD Student Counselling Service;**

Phone: (02) 8627 8433

**USYD Protective Services;**

Phone: (02) 9351 3333

Please also remember that if you are in immediate  
physical danger, you are able to call the NSW Police  
Force at 000

