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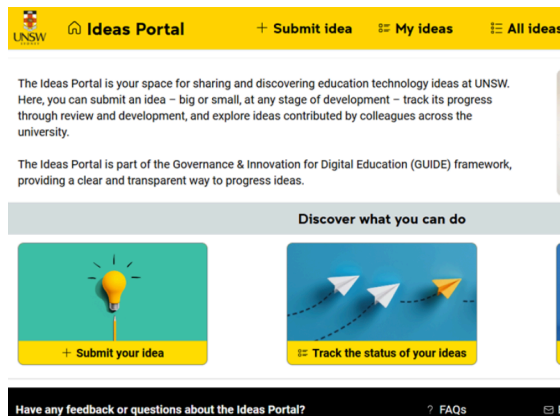
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Welcome to your April 2026 edition of UNSW Education & Student Experience News!

This is the second edition of our refreshed monthly [UNSW Education News](#), sent from our new email platform. Please help us spread the word by sharing on with any colleagues who might be interested in [subscribing](#).

Keep reading for community news, stories, upcoming education events, teaching resources, learning opportunities, and more offered at UNSW and beyond.

Education news



Share your EdTech ideas: UNSW's new GUIDE Ideas Portal is live

Have an education technology idea to improve teaching, learning or course administration? Submit it through the new GUIDE Ideas Portal, which streamlines the surfacing and progression of EdTech ideas across the University. [Learn more](#).



Nexus Program 2026: Steering into the next phase

Under new leadership, the Nexus Program enters an exciting phase, driving evidence-based innovation, fostering cross-campus collaboration, and delivering transformative education experiences across UNSW. [Learn more](#).

Curriculum Transformation updates

Expressions of interest are open to present on teaching and curriculum design topics in Term 2!

All UNSW colleagues are invited to share their knowledge and experience with colleagues through a talk or workshop at the Teaching Commons. Any sessions related to redesigning assessments, UDL, lifelong learning, societal impact, embedding Indigenous Knowledges, enhancing learner engagement or any other Pedagogical Principles will be prioritised between Tuesdays and Thursdays. [Submit your interest](#).



Stories from our community



Curriculum transformation is not four projects - it is a system of change

By Dr Dhanushi Abeygunawardena & Diana Turnip

Flex-semester alignment, program simplification, assessment & feedback, and pedagogical principles are often treated as separate streams, but their impact depends on how well they are integrated. [Read now](#).



National teaching awards: Mentoring educators for success

By A/Prof. Anna Rowe and Kristin Turnbull

UNSW's new mentoring approach strengthens support for educators applying for national teaching awards, while fostering a strong community of practice. [Read now](#).



The spark of collaboration: Connecting expertise for institutional impact

By Diana Saragi Turnip & Rita Prestigiacomo

What does it take to turn educational innovation into lasting institutional change? Discover how collaboration can move ideas beyond isolated “sparks” into sustained, system-wide impact. [Read now](#).

Feel-good news story

UNSW is leading efforts to integrate AI into university education

The PVCE Educational Media and Immersive team is expanding dynamic, AI-powered learning experiences across UNSW classrooms with its award-winning learning tool, [AI Conversation Sim](#).



More UNSW education blogs & news

View all UNSW teaching and learning blogs and news. Share your story about supporting and enhancing education and the student experience at UNSW.

[View now and submit your story.](#)

Opportunities and resources



Last call: Submit an EOI for 2026 AFR Higher Education Awards

Expressions of interest (EOIs) from UNSW staff who would like to enter the 2026 Australian Financial Review Higher Education Awards **are due tomorrow, 14 April**. Internal submissions will be reviewed by UNSW senior leaders to select initiatives for entry. [Learn more](#).



Register for UNSW Course Design Institute 2026

Places are still available in the Course Design Institute (CDI) 2026. Open to all UNSW educators, it helps refresh and strengthen your course design - perfect timing ahead of upcoming calendar changes. The Intensive CDI runs 18–22 May, and the Modular CDI runs 3 June–8 July. [Learn more & register](#).



Help enforce the 'No physical ID, no exam' rule

The Exams Team is introducing ID scanning at on-campus final exams and needs your support to spread the message. All students must bring their physical UNSW student ID card to sit their final exams. Please help reinforce this message to ensure a smooth and positive experience for all. See more information [here](#).



Call for papers, Transform: The Journal of Engage Scholarship

Engagement Australia is now accepting submissions of research, case studies, theoretical articles and book reviews on university engagement for the upcoming Transform Journal. Transform celebrates reciprocal partnerships, community engagement, and critical reflection. Submissions are due 7 June 2026. [Learn more](#).

What's on?



Digital Assessment: Insights from Inspera

Today, Mon 13 April | 2-3.30pm | Hybrid

UNSW colleagues can connect with an Inspera Senior Account Manager to discuss upcoming product changes, ask questions, share feedback, and identify operational challenges to support continuous service enhancements. [Learn more](#).



Embedding Neuroinclusion in Curriculum Transformation

Thu 16 April | 1-2pm | Hybrid

As part of Curriculum Transformation events, UNSW colleagues are invited to a showcase of practical, evidence-informed approaches to designing neuroinclusive course resources and will leave with strategies for embedding these approaches in everyday resources. [Register now](#).



UNSW Academic Mentoring Program information session

Thu 23 April | 1.30-2pm | Online

UNSW colleagues can join an information session to learn how to participate in the program as a mentor or mentee in the Learning & Teaching context. [Register now.](#)



SoTL Series: Visually communicating SoTL research

Tue 5 May | 2-3pm | Hybrid

Learn how to turn your SoTL research into a clear, compelling visual story using evidence-based poster design guidelines that communicate key messages to a broad audience. [Register now.](#)



View more upcoming sessions on the [Education events page.](#)

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→ [Apply for 2026 Initiator Grant - Global Research & Impact Program \(GRIP\) to initiate high-impact research or education collaborations with global partners](#)

→ [View the new Lifelong Learning Newsletter, sharing updates made across UNSW in expanding post-experience education](#)

→ [Meet ADA's Skills Passport: An evidence-based initiative to help students identify, track and articulate the skills they develop throughout their studies](#)

→ [Learn how Curriculum Mapping Knowledge Share workshops are promoting cross-faculty mapping curriculum idea exchanges](#)

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