

Education & Student Experience

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

This month, explore stories and updates from across our community, along with education events, teaching resources and learning opportunities.

Celebrate UNSW taking the top spot for Australian universities, learn more about the major upgrade to the UNSW Teaching Gateway website and join the Program Authorities workshop series.

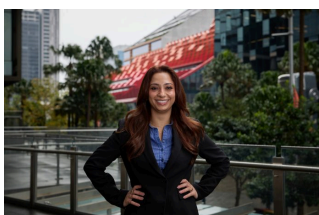
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Education news

UNSW claims top spot!

Celebrate UNSW claiming the number one spot in Australia for the first time in the 2027 Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings – one of the most comprehensive and well-respected international league tables in tertiary education!

[Read more](#)



Check out the new Parramatta campus

Discover how the University is deepening engagement in Western Sydney, and improving access to world-class education and research with the new Parramatta campus. [Read more](#).

Curriculum Transformation



The Program Authorities workshop series returns in Term 2!

This is your chance to join workshops you may have missed in the Term 1 series.

Beginning soon, these sessions are designed to support you through UNSW's Flex-Calendar transition and Curriculum Transformation with practical guidance on adjusting assessments and embedding UNSW's Pedagogical Principles across programs. The **Term 2 sessions** are being held at the Teaching Commons in a hybrid format from **July 7-15**.

Explore the full program and register now.

While designed for Program Authorities, all UNSW colleagues are welcome. A dedicated Course Authorities workshop series will follow in Term 3. Learn more about the full range of Curriculum Transformation support available to staff [here](#).

Student experience news

Belonging for All Report is available now

Discover the initiatives developed and implemented from 2023 to 2026 that helped strengthen our students' sense of belonging to the UNSW community. This was made possible through a sustained, university-wide commitment responding to student influences of belonging and designing a university experience that meets students where they are.

Read more (*UNSW staff access only*).



Feel-good news story! 🌟

A major upgrade for Teaching Gateway!

For almost 15 years, the [UNSW Teaching Gateway](#) has supported educators with practical resources, guidance, and tools to enhance teaching and learning. What began as a resource for the UNSW community has grown into a widely used reference point for the higher education sector. Each year, it attracts an average of 600,000 page views and is accessed by close to 300,000 unique users from universities across Australia and internationally.

[Learn here](#) how the Teaching Gateway is entering an exciting new chapter!

As part of UNSW's broader digital ecosystem consolidation, the Teaching Gateway is being migrated to the Adobe platform. The migration includes a refresh of the site's content and user experience, aiming to make it easier for educators to access high-quality, relevant teaching resources.

Stories from our community



No more final exams?

by Senior Lecturer Christina Byun

Replacing a traditional final exam with a scaffolded group project revealed new opportunities for student learning while challenging our assumptions about authentic assessment. [Read now.](#)

Designing assessments in a world with AI

an interview with Integrity Officer Peter Roberts

Get insights on how academics can design assessments that are authentic, educationally sound and resilient to AI. [Read now.](#)



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



Get access to the Digital Education Council

As part of UNSW's Digital Education Council (DEC) membership, all UNSW staff can now get DEC member benefits. Register to access insights into higher education and technology, executive briefings, events and training resources. [Register now.](#)

What's on?

2026 UNSW Awards for Teaching Information Session

Thu 23 July | 12-1pm | Online

Thinking about applying for a 2026 UNSW Award for Teaching? The Academic Development Team is running an information session on Thursday, July 23 from 12-1pm. Get clear guidance on the application process, ask questions and hear from a past award recipient about what makes a strong submission.

[Register now.](#)



Insights from Echo360

Thu 23 July | 10-11.30am | Hybrid

Discover what's next for Echo360, UNSW's enterprise media platform, in this session with Jocasta Williams, Echo360's General Manager. Learn how universities are using Echo360 to enhance teaching, learning and accessibility, discover underused features, explore emerging sector trends, and hear about the platform's future direction and product roadmap. [Register now.](#)

Information session for Advance HE Fellowships (FHEA)

Wed 5 Aug | 10am-12pm | Teaching Commons

Join an information session for staff interested in applying for **Fellowship (FHEA)** with Advance HE. This session is part of a series of workshops from PVCE designed to support professional development and recognition in the higher education sector. This opportunity is open to both professional and academic staff involved in teaching and learning. [Register now.](#)





The return of conversation: communication, performance and the future of university assessment

Thu 13 Aug | 2-3pm | Online

Scientia Education Lecture

Hear from A/Prof. Silas Taylor, a pioneer in assessing communication and professional capability in medical education, as part of the Scientia Education Academy Lecture Series. Once considered unique to medicine, this work has new relevance as AI and changing expectations around graduate readiness reshape higher education. **Register now.**



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

View more news

- [Meet the winners of the 2026 Vice-Chancellor's Awards](#)
- [Keeping our campuses safe this winter](#)
- [Let the PVCE Media and Immersive team know if you need support with new educational media for your course](#) *(UNSW staff access only)*
- [Join an AI training workshop](#) *(UNSW staff access only)*

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