

Education & Student Experience

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

This month, we're bringing you a fresh mix of stories and updates from across our community, along with education events, teaching resources and learning opportunities – both at UNSW and beyond.

Find out more about the new Assessment Policy, relive the QILT Symposium and get updates on Curriculum Transformation, including Assessment & Feedback.

Enjoy the read and please help us spread the word by sharing this newsletter with colleagues who may be interested in [subscribing](#).

Education news

The new Assessment and Progression Policy is now live

UNSW's new [Assessment and Progression Policy](#) was published on 1 June 2026. The policy supports and assures student learning by integrating assessment, feedback and academic progression requirements into one streamlined document.



A staged rollout will give faculties and schools time to redesign programs and courses to align with the new policy. UNSW colleagues can view this [information sheet](#) for further details on key changes and staged effective dates.

The policy was developed through extensive consultation with staff and students, and is the first academic policy developed under the University-wide [Policy Transformation Program](#).

Please contact the PVCE Curriculum and Education Design team with questions about implementing the new policy as part of Curriculum Transformation at curriculum.pvce@unsw.edu.au.



Relive the 2026 QILT Symposium

Missed the 2026 Quality Indicators for Learning and Teaching (QILT) Symposium? You can see the full event recorded on our YouTube channel! Building on the success of last year's inaugural event, the 2026 QILT Symposium continued exploring innovative approaches to advancing and celebrating teaching quality across the higher education sector. [Watch the recording!](#)

Curriculum Transformation



Curriculum Transformation updates

As UNSW prepares for the move to the flex-semester academic calendar in 2028 and aligns curriculum with our new strategic priorities, we are reimagining our courses and programs through [Curriculum Transformation](#).

This work focuses on four interrelated areas: flex-semester alignment, program simplification, assessment and feedback, and embedding pedagogical principles.

The Pro Vice-Chancellor Education Portfolio, Student Experience Program and Nexus teams are providing a comprehensive support model to guide colleagues through these changes – including practical resources, training, self-evaluation tools, one-to-one guidance and tailored faculty support.

[Targeted sessions](#) for program authorities ran in Term 1 (with recordings available [here](#)) and continue in weeks six and seven of Term 2 (schedule to be announced [here](#) soon), followed by a program for course convenors in Term 3.

 You can access Curriculum Transformation resources on the [SharePoint site](#) or drop into the Teaching Commons anytime from Tuesday to Thursday for a chat with our Educational Developers – no appointment needed.

Assessment & Feedback updates

In preparation for UNSW's new [Assessment and Progression Policy](#), the leads of the Assessment & Feedback (A&F) workstream in the Student Experience (SX) Program have been meeting with faculties to better understand specific needs and how best to provide tailored support.



From this, they are running a series of tailored Program Assurance Workshops, consultations and support sessions with faculties to address specific policy clauses and answer questions. Key topics of interest for faculties include what program assurance mapping looks like in practice and how secure assessments are reimaged in an AI-enabled environment.

More information about June events and resources will be shared on the [SX Program SharePoint site](#). This will include an A&F briefing session for faculties, covering program assurance requirements, changes to ECOS and ECLIPS, and next steps for 2026. Direct invitations are also being sent by email.

For any questions or to give feedback, please email curriculum.pyce@unsw.edu.au.

Student experience news



Discover the Widening Participation Strategy to 2035

Learn about the Widening Participation Strategy to 2035 – a whole-of-university strategy to further drive access and student success. The strategy is a significant milestone toward expanded educational opportunities and enhanced equity, diversity and inclusion at UNSW.

[Read more.](#)



UNSW student equity milestone achieved

Celebrate UNSW reaching its student equity target, with one in four commencing domestic undergraduate students now from low socioeconomic backgrounds, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, and Gateway partner schools.

[Read more.](#)



Student Experience Program 2025 Year in Review

UNSW colleagues can find out what the Student Experience Program did to improve learning and student experience in 2025. The Year in Review shares insights from students and demonstrates how the Program is responding so it can continue delivering tangible, lasting improvements to student experience at UNSW. [Read more.](#)

Stories from our community



Securing assessment in an AI-enabled world

by A/Prof. Tracy Wilcox and A/Prof. Mark Ian Jones

Learn about how, as GenAI reshapes higher education, universities must rethink assessment at program level to ensure students can genuinely demonstrate learning through future-ready forms of assessment. [Read now.](#)

Enhancing group assessment experiences with Cadmus

See how Cadmus, a collaborative learning and assessment platform designed to support group work and authentic assessment practices, is improving group assessment at UNSW. [Read now.](#)



Building a University-wide community of teaching and learning scholars

by A/Prof. Anna Rowe, Dr Benjamin Phipps and Meredith MacAulay

Find out how the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning could enhance your teaching practice and improve your students' learning experience. [Read now.](#)

Continuing the competency-based assessment pilot

Hear student feedback and prepare for more courses to implement competency-based assessment after a successful pilot in 2025. [Read now.](#)



Feel-good news story! 🌟

UNSW Student Accommodation and UNSW Health Sciences collaborate on food innovation

See how UNSW Student Accommodation and UNSW Health Sciences are creating healthier, more sustainable dining experiences for students. Have ideas on how your Faculty could collaborate with Student Accommodation? Reach out to the Accommodation Office at accommodation@unsw.edu.au!



[Watch the video.](#)

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.](#)**

Present at AAEE 2026

Submit before Monday, 22 June to present a research paper, practice paper or workshop at the 37th Australasian Association for Engineering Education Annual Conference. Hosted at UNSW from 13-16 December, the conference will connect engineering educators from across the region to present scholarly work, share innovative teaching practices and engage in interactive workshops. **[Learn more.](#)**





Educational Technology Essentials is available

Find all the key digital tools, platforms and support resources needed for teaching staff to set up and deliver their courses effectively in the new Educational Technology Essential resource. [Learn more.](#)

Call for submissions: Global Students as Partners Roundtable 2026

You're invited to share ideas on building more authentic, inclusive and equitable partnerships across higher education at the 2026 Global Students as Partners Roundtable. A wide range of formats are welcomed, including research presentations, panels, reflective sessions and creative showcases. Submissions close on Monday, 29 June. [Learn more.](#)



What's on?

Nexus UDL Guild group assessment workshop

Thu 25 June | 12-1:30pm | Hybrid

Join this workshop with Tom Dixon and learn how you can use UDL 3.0 principles to explore new ways of designing group work and group-based assessments. You'll also look at how to support students from different academic and cultural contexts to work collaboratively. [Learn more.](#)



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

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- [Institutional membership of ASCILITE is now available for UNSW staff](#)
- [UNSW Online launches new Master of Counselling](#)
- [UNSW Online launches new Graduate Certificate in AI Strategy](#)
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