UNSW Medicine & Health
OPTOMETRY AND VISION SCIENCE
WELCOME
Welcome to Commencing Students 2023

Head of School: Professor Lisa Keay

Website: https://www.optometry.unsw.edu.au/
Facebook SOVS: https://www.facebook.com/UNSWOptom/
Facebook Clinic: https://www.facebook.com/UNSWoptometryclinic
Twitter: @unswoptomvsci
LinkedIn: Search UNSW School of Optometry and Vision Science
Welcome to Commencing Students

- COVID Safe Return to Campus Guidance and FAQ's [Safe Return to Campus | COVID-19 (novel coronavirus) - UNSW Sydney](https://www.optometry.unsw.edu.au/)
- Introduction to School
- First year course coordinators
- Introduction to School staff
- Useful information and advice
- Student Society/Peer Mentor Program
- Tours
- BBQ at the Physics Lawn

Website: https://www.optometry.unsw.edu.au/
School of Optometry and Vision Science

- Largest in Australasia
- Features
  - Undergraduate education
    - Bachelor of Vision Science
  - Accredited programme
    - Bachelor of Vision Science/Master of Clinical Optometry
  - Postgraduate education
    - Orientation and Mobility
    - Higher Degree Research
    - Doctor of Clinical Research in Optometry
  - UNSW Optometry Clinic
  - Optics and Radiometry Lab (ORLAB)
  - Centre For Eye Health (CFEH)
  - Brien Holden Vision Institute (BHVI)
Research Excellence

Merits/Awards for Research 2022

- **Benchmarking:**
  - UNSW School of Optometry and Vision Science ranked as the second top School globally for Optometry
  - Scientia Professor Fiona Stapleton named as the top researcher for Ophthalmology and Optometry in Australia as reported in the Australian newspaper for third year running based on publications and citations
  - UNSW School of Optometry and Vision Science recognised as the top institution globally for contact lens research
  - Scientia Professor Fiona Stapleton, Professor Mark Willcox and Scientia Associate Professor Nicole Carnt ranked as #2, #4 and #8 respectively globally in contact lens research and many other School academics ranked in the top 50 world rankings

- **Publications:**
  - 260 peer reviewed papers from members of SOVS in 2022

- **Grants:**
  - $2.95M in research grants for 2022

- **UNSW Award:**
  - Associate Professor Maria Markoulli: UNSW ARC/Postgraduate Research Council Postgraduate Supervisor Award

- **National Awards:**
  - Associate Professor Maria Markoulli awarded a special commendation for the 2022 Australian Council of Graduate Research Award for Excellence in Graduate Research Leadership
  - Professor Isabelle Jalbert: Awarded a 2021 citation for Outstanding Contributions to Student Learning as part of the Australian Awards for University Teaching (AAUT) program
  - Dr Jack Phu et al received the J Lloyd Hewett award from the Clinical and Experimental Optometry journal for their paper titled ‘A collaborative pathway for patients with suspected angle closure glaucoma spectrum disease’.

- **International Awards:**
  - Grant Hannaford named the 2022 International Optician of the Year
  - Scientia Professor Fiona Stapleton, recipient of the 2022 Richard and Lenora Hill Medal, Ohio State College of Optometry
  - Dr Jack Phu: American Academy of Optometry Irvin M and Beatrice Borish Award recognising an outstanding young scientist conducting independent research
  - Professor Lisa Keay, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology Silver Fellowship
  - Professor Mark Willcox received the Ruben Medal from the International Society for Contact Lens Research for his outstanding contributions to the field of contact-lens research.
Engagement

- Alumni CPD Evenings & Workshops (hybrid for 2023)
- Alumni Newsletter (found on our website)
- Social Media – Facebook/Twitter/LinkedIn
- Outreach Activities
- Engagement with the Profession

Follow us on our Social Media Platforms
https://www.facebook.com/UNSWOptom/
Twitter: @unswoptomvsci
LinkedIn: UNSW School of Optometry and Vision Science Group

Happy new year everyone!

We are delighted to introduce to you our 2023 Optometry & Vision Science Society Executive Team:

- President: Fiona Gold
- Vice President: Ridwan Usamah
- Treasurer: Jacob Escalada
- Secretary: Reynard Tay
- Events Coordinator: William Dao
- Marketing Director: Justine Mai

We sincerely thank our 2022 Executive Team: Karuna Darvesh, Lucy Nguyen, Johnson Tran, Nghi Nguyen, Zhulin Choo and Sylvia Wang and wish them all the best as they embark on their careers as Optometrists.
Police Check and Vaccination Requirements

Students entering the Master of Clinical Optometry are required to submit a Police Check and Vaccination Records. Students progressing to the Master of Clinical Optometry will be provided with further information in the Year 3 of Bachelor of Vision Science studies. If you have any questions please contact the Clinical Placements Coordinator, Ms Michelle Bonanno.
Work Integrated Learning

Work Integrated Learning (WIL) Opportunities.

• From 2023, Bachelor of Vision Science students in their 2nd and 3rd years of studies may wish to apply for WIL opportunities to gain work experience in the vision science and ophthalmic industry.

• Students may enrol in Career Development Courses (CDEV) and undertake a placement (individual or group work) for a term (6UoC) or across terms (12UoC) at an affiliated industry/organisational partner as part of their Gen Ed elective(s).

• Students will need to apply to the school and undergo a selection process which may include an interview.

• Opportunities exist for work experience with commercial enterprises (e.g., ophthalmic-related technologies and pharmaceuticals) and non-profit organisations that provide support for those with visual impairment.

Contact Information:

• Associate Professor Sieu Khuu: s.khuu@unsw.edu.au (School Lead)
• Dr. Suzanne Schibeci: suzanne.schibeci@unsw.edu.au (CDEV coordinator)
FIRST YEAR COURSES
School of Mathematics and Statistics

MATH1031 Mathematics for Life Sciences or
MATH1131 Mathematics 1A or
MATH1141 Higher Mathematics 1A

(Recommended enrolment in Term 1)

Dr Joshua Capel
Rm 5107, The Red Centre
Course convenor of MATH1031

Associate Professor Jonathan Kress
Level 3, Rm 3073, The Red Centre
ug.MathsStats@unsw.edu.au
http://www.maths.unsw.edu.au
Course Convenor of MATH1131 and MATH1141

2. Lectures start week 1
3. Tutorials start in week 1 and run to week 10
School of Physics

PHYS1111 Fundamentals of Physics or PHYS1121 Physics 1A or PHYS1131 Higher Physics 1A

• Lab classes start in week 2 for PHYS1111, PHYS1121 and PHYS1131, you need a lab manual and covered shoes. Lectures and problem-solving workshops (OTH) start in week 1.

• All labs and problem-solving classes (tutorials) are face-to-face, for PHYS1111 lectures are hybrid, for PHYS1121 and 1131 you can choose between face-to-face and asynchronous online lectures.

• First Year Lab is situated in Rooms 112-115 in Old Main Building.

• All the information about these courses are on the course Moodle sites.

Contact Information:

• Kate Jackson: kate.jackson1@unsw.edu.au

• Elizabeth Angstmann: e.angstmann@unsw.edu.au
School of Chemistry

CHEM1011 Chemistry 1A: Atoms, Molecules and Energy

(Recommended enrolment in Term 2)
Dalton Building 132
s.maisey@unsw.edu.au

1. See information on ‘Moodle’ for the course outline, schedule and FAQs
2. Buy CHEM1011/CHEM1031/CHEM1051 combined Lab Manual from UNSW Bookshop or download and print them from Moodle
3. Lectures, Other Components, Labs and Tutorials start Week 1. Do the Safety & Ethics pre-lab before your first lab
4. There is a Chemistry diagnostic test as well as a learning module that covers all the core aspects of assumed knowledge for our mainstream CHEM1A (and similar) courses. I would encourage you to explore these resources as a means to identify if you may need to take CHEM1001 Introductory Chemistry in T1, and the areas of assumed knowledge you need to brush up on before commencing your studies with us.

How to access the diagnostic test and resources

- Click on the link to navigate to the course
- If you are not logged onto Moodle you will need to enter your zID and Zpass.
- To access the course, you will need to self-enrol
  - Use the Student Key: Science1stYearDiagnostics
School of Chemistry

A/Prof Graham Ball

CHEM1829 Biological Chemistry for Optometry
(Term 3)
Chemical Sciences (F10) Room 1008
g.ball@unsw.edu.au

2. See information on ‘Moodle’ for course information
3. Lectures, Other Components, Labs and Tutorials start Week 2. Do the Safety & Ethics pre-lab before your first lab
School of Biotechnology and Biomolecular Science

BABS1201 Molecules, Cells and Genes
(Recommended enrolment in Term 1)

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Dr Rebecca LeBard r.lebard@unsw.edu.au

“Welcome to UNSW and congratulations on what you have achieved to be here in Optometry and Vision Science. Molecules, cells and genes is a fascinating course that examines many aspects of life at a microscopic level. I hope you find the experience rewarding and the information interesting. I look forward to meeting you in your lectures and practicals, and wish you an exciting first session at university this year.”
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Lecturer
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• The Clinical Environment

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Director ORLAB
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• Visual Optics
• Ocular Imaging and Applied Vision Science

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Year 2 Courses

Dr Vanessa Honson
Clinical Environment

Dr Lisa Nivison-Smith
Ocular Anatomy and Physiology

Dr Nayuta Yoshioka
Dispensing

Mr Grant Hannaford
Dispensing

A/Prof Sieu Khuu
Vision Science
Year 3 Courses

A/Prof Nicole Carnt
Ocular Diseases

A/Prof Michele Madigan
Ocular Diseases

Dr Revathy Mani
Vision Science and Binocular Vision

A/Prof Juno Kim
Vision Science

Dr Jerome Ozkan
Clinical Environment
Year 1 MCOptom Courses

- **Dr Vinod Maseedupally**: Contact Lenses
- **A/Prof Isabelle Jalbert**: Ocular Therapeutics
- **Dr Angelica Ly**: Ocular Therapeutics
- **A/Prof Maria Markoulli**: Optometry
- **Dr Kathleen Watt**: Optometry
- **Dr Pauline Kang**: Optometry
- **Ms Donna LaHood**: Professional Optometry
Year 2 MCOptom Courses

• Clinical Placements and Preceptorships
• Advanced Contact Lens Clinic
• Ocular Therapeutics

Scientia Prof Fiona Stapleton
Ocular Therapeutics

Dr Sharon Oberstein
Advanced Skills Optometry

Prof Mark Willcox
Final Year Research Project

Dr Kathleen Watt
Optometry

Ms Lily Ho
Optometry

Hon A/Prof David Pye

Optometry

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Optometry
UNSW Optometry Clinic

Full Scope Optometry Clinic
• Available to the public, students, staff
• Students are an integral part of delivering excellence in clinical training

Clinics on site
• Contact Lenses
• Children’s Vision
• Colour Vision
• Low Vision
• Myopia Clinic
• Ocular Pathology
• Red Eye
• Vision Training
• Dry Eye Clinic
• Advanced Contact Lenses Clinic
• Provides **clinical experience** for Stage 4 and 5 students

• Over **5500** student **consultations** in 2022

• On site clinics and outreach clinical placements:
  • Stewart House, POW Diabetes Clinic, Guide Dogs, School Screening and POW Eye Clinic
  • Centre for Eye Health, Hobart Hospital
  • Rural preceptorships and international preceptorships
  • Private practice placements
  • Ophthalmology and dermatology clinic and surgical placements
UNSW Optometry Clinic

- Emilie Ross Lecturer
- Lisa Feng Lecturer
- Regina Chapman-Davies Lecturer
- Ehab Eltantawy Lecturer
- Nathan Ho Lecturer
- Elena Larocca Lecturer
We are excited to welcome you to experience the UNSW Optometry Clinic

Book an eye examination with us in Term 1

- Eye examination
- Contact lens clinic

Book online:
Book an appointment | School of Optometry & Vision Science - UNSW Sydney

Limited appointments each week
Cancellation policy
School of Optometry and Vision Science Professional & Technical Staff

School Manager
Tracy Kane

Project Officer/EA
Nicola Kapo

Technical Laboratory Manager
Dale Larden

Undergraduate/MClinOptom
Michelle Wanandy

Clinical Placements
Michelle Bonanno

HDR Coordinators
Vicky Sawatt
Ina Ismail

Postgraduate Teaching Support Team
Marcelle Runkat
Maria Kim

Student and Teaching Services

Technical Assistant
Paul Zytnik
School of Optometry and Vision Science
Support Team

Patricio Rodriguez
Computer Systems Officer
Specialist Technology Support

Lynn Guan
 Analyst
 Management Reporting and Analysis
Optics & Radiometry Laboratory

- Colorimetric and photometric measurement and calibration
- Product testing (sunglasses, eye protection, traffic signals, window glass, traffic signals, vehicle lights, road signs, high visibility materials)
- OMB LG22

Dr Maitreyee Roy
Director
ORLAB

Stephen Dain
Emeritus Professor
Consultant

Brian Cheng
Measurement, Calibrations & Quality Coordinator

Olga Pitt
Customer Services Officer

Muhammad Kaleem
Technical Officer

Ash Ang
Technical Officer

Shamit Vishal Mani
Technical Assistant
Now you are here

- Welcome and congratulations!
- We, the Faculty and UNSW are here to support you
  - Progression is not automatic in optometry program
  - Credit average required to progress
- Vision Science transfer at the end of Stage 3
  - Marks based, written application and interview
- Help and resources
  - School staff – coordinators, advisers and administrative staff
  - Student Optometry Society (OptomSoc)
  - Peer mentors
  - UNSW resources
UNSW encourages students and staff to follow the advice of the World Health Organisation.

For more information please visit: unsw.to/coronavirus
What should you do if…?

You have academic/progression issues…

- See the academic staff concerned
- See the course convenor
- See the Student Adviser
- See the Head of School

Sooner rather than later!

A/Prof Michele Madigan
Student Adviser
What should you do if...?

You have medical/personal issues …

• Submit a ‘special consideration form’ through myUNSW

You must apply for Special Consideration before the start of your exam or due date for your assessment, except where your circumstances of illness or misadventure stop you from doing so.

If your circumstances stop you from applying before your exam or assessment due date, you must apply within 3 working days of the assessment or the period covered by your supporting documentation.

- We and UNSW look closely at the details
- Genuine cases are accepted
- We do not accept online medical certificates

• Advise the course convenor
• Talk to the Student Adviser if you need further assistance
• Equitable Learning Services (previously known as Disability Support Services)

Sooner rather than later…….
What should you do if…?

There are general program/other issues…

• Speak with professional staff or academic staff coordinator
• Talk to your year representatives
  • You are likely to not be the only one
  • May be able to solve it or respond appropriately
  • May bring it to the regular meeting they have with the Head of School
• School Board
Study or other difficulties

UNSW Academic Skills Support:
- https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/skills

UNSW Psychology and Wellness:
- https://www.student.unsw.edu.au/counselling

Equity Diversity and Inclusion Committee: Undergraduate/Master of Clinical Optometry
Representative: Fiona Gold

First Responder Sexual Assault:
https://www.unsw.edu.au/planning-assurance/conduct-integrity/gendered-violence/find-first-responders

First Responders Mental Health and Well Being:
Dr Maria Markoulli/Dr Dale Larden/Ms Kat Pakarinen/Ms Nicola Kapo

Grievances

- School Grievance Officer: A/Prof Sieu Khuu
  - (s.khuu@unsw.edu.au)
  - Room 3.028 x54620

- Take it to (as applicable)
  - the Course Convenor
  - the Grievance Officer
  - the Head of School
  - the Registrar

- UNSW administration
  - Student Complaints and Appeals
    https://www.unsw.edu.au/planning-assurance/conduct-integrity/complaints-unsw/student/student-complaints
Life can be difficult at times

- Personal
- Family

UNSW understands

- Equity unit
- Special considerations
- Check info in course outline
Communication

- University email
- Moodle
- Optometry and Vision Science web page

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https://www.facebook.com/UNSWOptom/
https://www.facebook.com/UNSWoptometryclinic/
Twitter: @unswoptomvsci
LinkedIn: UNSW School of Optometry and Vision Science Group
Our Aim

- To help you to develop relevant skills and experiences
- To prepare you for an interesting and rewarding career
- To make the University experience enjoyable
- To encourage you to remain connected as one of our alumni
GIVING SIGHT SOCIETY
Who are we?

A charity society that aims to eliminate avoidable blindness and low vision impairments around the globe!
What do we do?

Fundraising and raising awareness

GAME NIGHT

WORLD SIGHT DAY

PRIZES TO BE WON

GAME LINEUP:

- Rainbow Six
- Codenames
- Among Us
- AND MORE!

World Sight Day

BREW-TEA-FUL BEVERAGES

Weds Wednesday 15th June 10am - 1pm
(outside Main Library)

Get yourself a hot chocolate, coffee, or tea for $2.90.
Add marshmallows or boba for an extra $1.
Non-dairy options available.

All funds raised will go towards vision care to help fight avoidable blindness and vision impairment.

GIVING SIGHT STALL

Thursday October 14th 2pm

$3 goes towards providing basic eye care for those in need
Register below!
How do you join?

Applications for subcommittee and executive positions opening In Week 1!
JOIN US!

Facebook:
www.facebook.com/givingsightunsw

SpArc: Giving Sight

Email us:
unswgivingsight@gmail.com
Who Are we?

- Exercise Physiology
- Medical Science
- Medicine
- Optometry and Vision Science
- Public Health
- Psychology
- Social Work
What Events Do We Run?

* Indigenous Festivals
* Rural High School Visits
* Clinical Skills Nights
* Rural Appreciation Weekend
We WANT EWE!
*Come have a chat to us at the stall and sign up to our newsletter!


*Follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com) and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com)

*Questions? Email [president.rahms@gmail.com](mailto:president.rahms@gmail.com)
Welcome Day

Presented by Fiona Gold & Reynard tay
ABOUT US

Representative student body for all Optometry and Vision Science students.

Consists of an executive team of 5th year students and FOUR year representatives from 1st to 4th year.

We strive to provide educational support and networking opportunities to students.

Photo: UNSW OptomSoc Executive Team 2023
L to R: Justine Mai (Marketing Director), Reynard Tay (Secretary), Ridwan Usamah (Vice-President), Fiona Gold (President), Jacob Escalada (Treasurer) and William Dao (Events Coordinator)
The first of which will be straight after your campus tours.
STAYING CONNECTED

Facebook Page - UNSW Optometry and Vision Science Student Society

Website: www.optomsoc.com
STAYING CONNECTED

TikTok: @unswoptomsoc

Instagram: @unswoptomsoc
Student Wellbeing and Action Group (SWAG)

Student-led Initiative specifically targeting wellbeing of Students.

Focused on Mental Health, Wellbeing and Connection with peers.

Dedicated to helping students transition from high school to University life through to Graduation.
Peer Mentoring Sign Up and Helpful Links
2023
Peer Mentoring Program
University- very different to high school...

- Huge campus
- SO MANY resources…
- Different student expectation
  - Self-directed learning
  - “Student-Centric” learning models
- Are you the only one from your school?
- Commuting? Eating? Socialising? Wifi access?
- Interstate? International?
An exploratory investigation into first year student transition to university

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How can we make this easier?

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<td>STUDY</td>
<td>Study skills, time management, willingness to seek assistance and guidance particularly from academic staff</td>
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<td>Motivation, commitment, willingness to work hard and join the university culture. Motivated to interact with others</td>
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<td>Found to be a useful precursor to studies. Effective in giving an opportunity to meet staff and student services</td>
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<td>LEARNING@UNI</td>
<td>Accessibility or usefulness of university’s web-based course systems and self-serve portals in transition to university</td>
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<td>CULTURE</td>
<td>Feelings of belonging, value and culture associated with being a student at this particular university</td>
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<td>FACILITIES</td>
<td>Adequacy of infrastructure in supporting transition, particularly parking, computer labs, study areas and wireless network</td>
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<td>SOCIAL</td>
<td>Perception of the importance of regular and well publicised university led social events for developing friendships/networking</td>
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the meaning of constituent variables. On inspection of the underlying meaning of the measures it was noted that students’ willingness to seek academic support, the effort they put into transition, along with their desire for creating a sense belonging, as measured by STUDY, EFFORT and CULTURE, were student-centred or intrinsic measures (i.e. within the students themselves). Juxtaposed were university-led, extrinsic items that assisted transition, namely orientation, web-based course assistance, computer and study facilities, and university sponsored social events, as measured by ORIENTATION, LEARNING@UNI, FACILITIES and SOCIAL respectively. Descriptive statistics and correlation analysis of the seven
What supports are available?

SOVS Peer Mentoring
• Support group to enable transition from high school to university
• Limited emphasis on academic support...
• Protip: sign up right after this!

SOVS SWAG & PASS+ Program
• SWAG = Student Wellbeing Action Group
• PASS = Peer Assisted Student Support
  • Emphasis on academic support
• Online based (Discord server)
  • In-person meeting is planned (more details to come!)
SWAG & PASS

• SWAG Discord server
  – https://discord.gg/wclqKw3tMs

• PASS chatrooms will be located here
Who are the peer mentors?

- 4<sup>th</sup> year students or 1<sup>st</sup> year of Master of Clinical Optometry students
- Selected to have leadership experience
- Have been trained by UNSW Counselling and Psychological Services to mentor 1<sup>st</sup> year students
Sign-up today

• Tour today
  – outside this lecture theatre
  – For ALL students studying in our course/program

• Sign-up to the peer mentoring program at: https://www.unsw.edu.au/medicine-health/our-schools/optometry/student-life/student-opportunities/peer-mentoring-program-registration

• Attend weekly meetings
• Enjoy university life
PEER MENTORS
Peer mentoring & settling into university
Meet the Mentors

Amy Odisho  Justin McNamara  Erika Raimoto  Sarah Joung
Meet the Mentors

Anika Chand  Bianca Stevenson  Leyna Nguyen  Rosanna Lee  Carol Nguyen
Meet the Mentors

Jonathan Zhou
Irene Wei
Paula Challita
Sophia He
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Recommended program structure

• **Term 1 2023**
  • BABS1201 Molecules, Cells and Genes (6UoC)
  • MATH1031 Mathematics for Life Science (6UoC) or MATH1131 Mathematics 1A (6UoC) or MATH1141 Higher Mathematics 1A (6UoC)
  • VISN1101 Seeing the World: Perspectives from Vision Science (6UoC)

• **Term 2 2023**
  • CHEM1011 Chemistry 1A: Atoms. Molecules and Energy (6UoC)
  • VISN1111 Geometrical and Physical Optics (6UoC)

• **Term 3 2023**
  • VISN1221 Visual Optics (6UoC)
  • PHYS1111 Fundamental of Physics (6UoC) or PHYS1121 Physics 1A (6UoC) or PHYS1131 Higher Physics 1A (6UoC)
  • CHEM1829 Biological Chemistry for Optometry Students (6UoC)
What the peer mentoring program involves

• Meeting up once a week for the first 8 weeks
• Answering any questions
• Helping you find your way around uni
• Tips, advice from us
Why should I join peer mentoring?

• Helps to transition from highschool to university
• Find new friends
• Know where the good food and coffee are
• Social group
• Have all your questions answered about the course and uni life
• (Note: this is not a tutoring group!)
General tips

• Don’t skip lectures (yes they are recorded that’s not enough!!)
• Uni = lectures, tutorials, labs
• Look through the course outline
• Assessments = written exams, online quizzes, using specialised programs (MAPLE)
• Keep track of due dates
• Group study sessions are useful
• Textbooks ????
General tips pt 2

• GET THE LOST ON CAMPUS APP!!
• Join the 1\textsuperscript{st} year Optom/Vis Sci group chat
• Get involved with other societies that align with your interests while you still have plenty of time!
Peer Mentoring Events During Term

- EYE-Mazing Race
- Picnics and BBQs
- Trivia Nights

Source: UNSW Optometry and Vision Science Facebook Page
Outline for Today’s Events

Welcome Day Presentation (Right Now)

University/ School Tour

Barbeque & Refreshments

End of Planned Events for today
Thank you and enjoy first year!