



The
Sydney University
Veterinary Society's
SURVIVAL MANUAL

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Veterinary Faculty from the Sydney University Veterinary Society!

We'd like to congratulate you for making it into your respective degrees. VetSoc has created and provided for you this manual to help you survive first year. This guide will answer frequently asked questions and help you adjust to Uni life in the Veterinary Faculty.



TEXTBOOKS

The Co-op Bookshop has the majority of all textbooks needed. It is located on the Redfern side of campus, near the aquatic centre. Lifetime membership costs \$20 and gives you discounts on all books and items purchased. Whilst the Co-op is reliable, there are other cheaper options available that are definitely worthwhile considering.

VetSoc's Second-hand Book Sale

VetSoc's second-hand book sale will be held on Wednesday 4th March from 1-2pm. Here, VetSoc will be selling books for students from older years. You will be able to peruse the books available and buy the ones you need by placing your money in the envelope within the front cover. You can expect to get good quality second-hand books at cheap prices.

Booko.com.au

This fantastic website allows you to compare the price of books from online providers (eg. Amazon) and ranks the price (inc. postage) from cheapest to most expensive.

Veterinary Library (In All Veterinary Fields)

This is a Facebook group that publishes PDF versions of vet related textbooks for free. Some of the textbooks you need may be found here.

VetSoc encourages you to purchase books legally to support publishers.

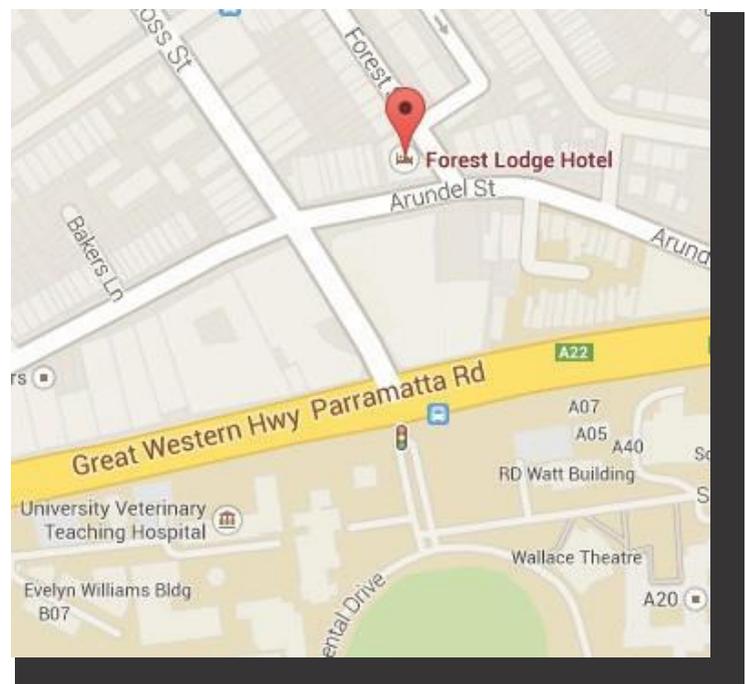
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Rosa's Cafè

Rosa's Cafè (incorrectly called Ralph's Cafè by some), is the small cafè located inside the J.D. Stewart building. Rosa's is a quick close location to buy lunch or coffee and is closely tied to the Faculty of Veterinary Science.

Forest Lodge

Forest Lodge is the closest off campus place to eat. It is located across Parramatta Road on Ross Street. From the Faculty, follow Ross Street to the first intersection with traffic lights. Go past Office-works and turn right onto Arundel Street where you'll find Forest Lodge Hotel. Here, you will get good food, good drinks and good atmosphere.



Newtown

Newtown is most famous for Thai restaurants, with many \$6-7 lunch specials. It is only a short walk from Bosch lecture theatres and the newly built RPA building between the Faculty of Veterinary Science and the Bosch lecture theatres.

SOCIAL

VetSoc holds many social events throughout the year. Make sure to be there or be square! These events are where you really cement relationships and meet people from other years and degrees. When you speak to graduated vets/ animal scientists in practice, most of their highlights were at uni events and parties, with both degrees being quite busy and full on, it is a good way to kick back on a Friday afternoon and achieve a good sense of work-life balance.

Upcoming events:

Beer, pies, bull - Rodeo theme, 13th March 2015

Vet Cruise – 2nd April

1st semester keg - April (date TBA)

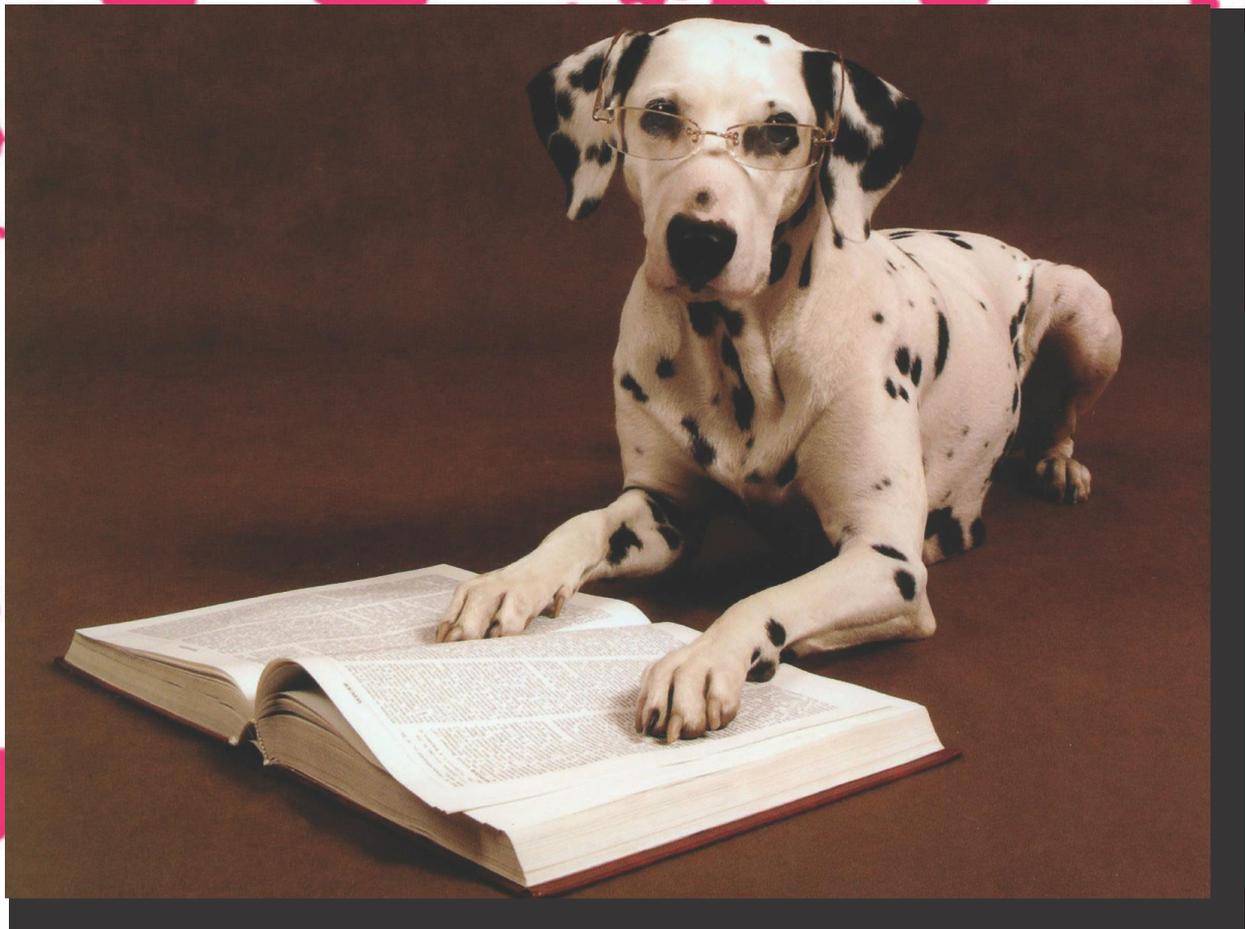
2nd semester keg - August (date TBA)

Vet Ball - towards the end of semester 2 (dates TBA)



PRINTING

The faculty provides FREE black and white printing in Loxton. The only catch is you need to supply your own paper. Students usually store some paper in their lockers throughout semester if required.



TOILETS

When you gotta go, you gotta go. The toilets around the Vet faculty include:

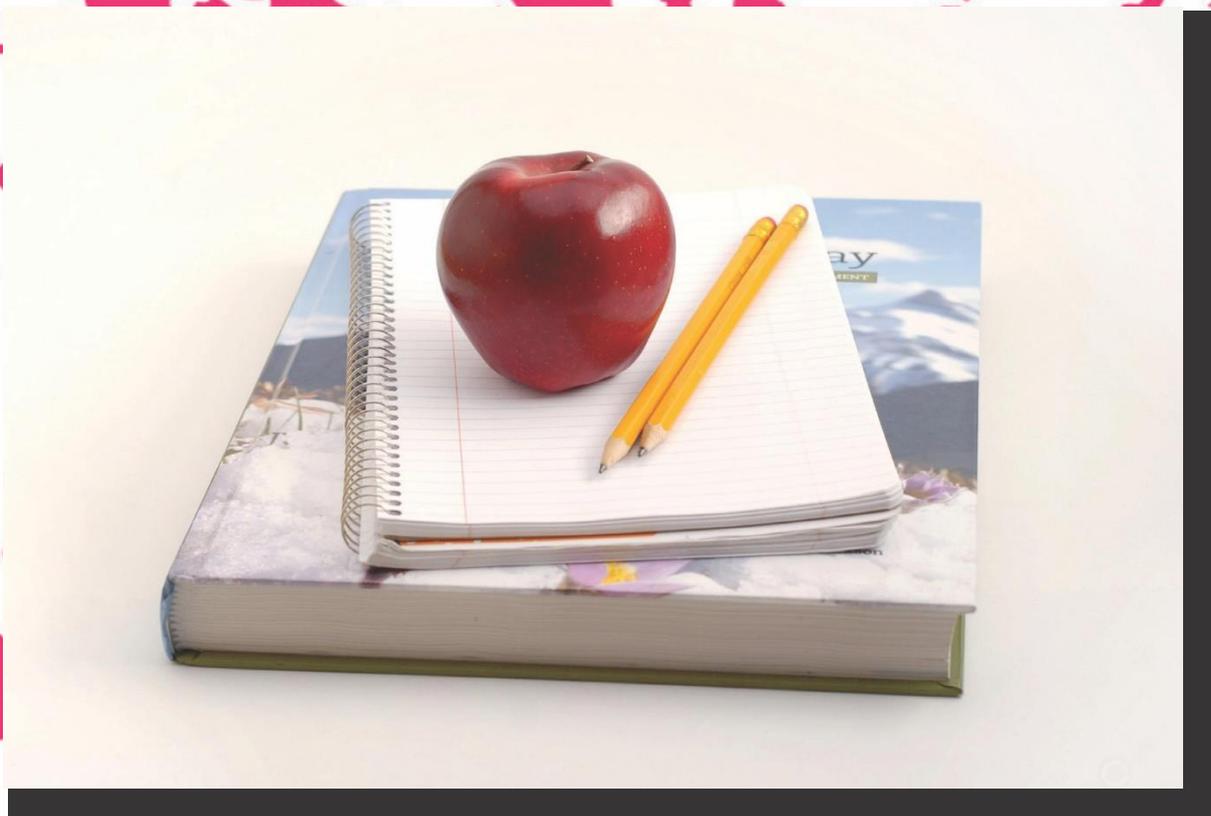
- **Veterinary Science Conference Centre (Levels 1 and 2)**
- **J.D. Stewart Building (female just before Loxton, male under the stairs that lead to Anatomy labs and also at the back of the building where you enter from the vet lawns)**
- **McMaster Building (female only)**
- **R.M.C. Gunn Building (Levels 3-6)**



ACADEMICS

Differences from High School

You should be fairly warned that university is a completely different environment to high school. There is no set homework, attendance of lectures is not checked and therefore the responsibility to learn is all up to you. A major difference is that you are no longer competing against one another like in high school. There is a degree waiting for everyone who successfully passes the course. Hence, you will find the dynamics within your year are very different to high school. In our year for example, students write up notes and send them to the entire year. We also have a Facebook page dedicated to our year on which we post questions which are answered by smart cookies during both semester and exam periods.



ACADEMICS

Studying Tips

We asked students in our year to give some study advice for first years. Here is what they had to say:

- Try to attend all lectures

By listening in lectures, you prevent yourself from having to go back and learn new content which can otherwise be used as revision. Sometimes lecturers also hint what they might put in exams by stressing certain points

- Attempt tutorials beforehand

By attempting tutorials beforehand, you can identify gaps in your knowledge during tutorials and therefore ask questions. This is particularly helpful in chemistry tutorials

- Make notes for practical beforehand

This will help immensely if you have some notes, and in particular pictures to follow. Starting off learning anatomy is confronting and sometimes very difficult. This can be made easier if you prepare by looking at textbooks where you find certain structures and what they look like.

- Take notes

By taking notes consistently and compiling them as you go, you save a lot of time during StuVac (Study Vacation) where you can revise your notes instead of writing them up

- Ask for help

Never be afraid to ask for help during or after lectures. Lecturers are more than happy to explain things in more detail if you are unsure about any content

- Careers

It is also worth noting the various pathways that your degree can take you. Government, wildlife conservation, education, livestock industry, research, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology are just some of the avenues (other than a practicing veterinarian for Vet graduates) that both Vet and AVBS graduates.

CONTACT US

If you have any questions, problems or issues at all, please do not hesitate to contact any of us in VetSoc. We promise we don't bite and are more than happy to help.



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Alternatively, the VetSoc office (located at the entrance to the J.D. Stewart building) is open 1-2pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Make sure to visit our Facebook page and website for updated information on upcoming events, news and merchandise.

WE WISH YOU ALL THE BEST FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

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