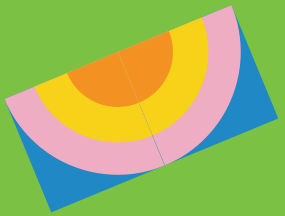


O-Week: A Social Story





Today, I will be attending UNSW O-Week.



It is important to attend O-Week, as I will be able to learn about the layout of the university and get more information about my degree.



I can also learn about the social side of life at uni, like clubs & societies, and find out about events that will happen during the year.



Not every day of university will be like O-Week: it's a special event that happens at the start of term to welcome new students.



When I go to O-Week, I might want to bring sunscreen, a hat, and some water, as I will mostly be outdoors. I can also bring a bag to store the items I might receive from different stalls.



I can also bring any sensory items I enjoy using to stay calm and relaxed. This could include headphones or stim tools.



If I'm not sure where to go or I have any questions, I can speak to the O-Week volunteers, who are called the Yellow Shirts.



The volunteers will be wearing yellow shirts, and they can answer any questions about O-Week & the UNSW campus.



If I get lost, or I can't find the activity I'm looking for, I can also ask the Yellow Shirts for directions.



If I find that O-Week is loud or crowded, I can visit the quiet space on the main walkway.



The Quiet Space will be away from the crowd and provide some peace and privacy. It will have comfy seating, noise-cancelling headphones, and sensory tools available.



O-Week will have activities across the entire campus, but there are a few areas where most things will take place.



If I go to the Main Walkway, Helen Maguire Lawn, and Alumni Lawns, I will find stalls for different clubs & societies I can join, as well as some free giveaways.



The people at stalls for clubs can tell me more about what they do. Joining clubs can help me find people with the same interests and hobbies, or who are doing the same degree as me.



These stalls can get busy, and the hosts will have lots of people to talk to- so they might not be able to get to me right away. However, they will be happy to talk when they have the chance.



When the hosts have time to speak to me, I can ask them what their club is focused on, what events or activities they'll offer during the term, and how I can join.



If someone at a stall calls out and invites me to learn about their club, I can go over if I'd like to- but it's also OK to politely say no and keep walking if I'm not interested.



If I go to Helen Maguire lawn and the Alumni lawns, I will find some fun activities I can participate in.



If I want to see more of the campus, there are lots of tours I can go on. These will show me important locations at UNSW and tips and tricks about being a student here.



I can also arrange a personalised tour just for me or a small group. I could ask to only go to where my classes will be, or to have an accessibility-focused tour.



O-Week is the start of my uni journey, and it will give me the opportunity to get prepared and learn more about campus life before the term begins.