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SYDNEY SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP REACHES FIRST YEAR MILESTONE

Sydney School of Entrepreneurship (SSE) has reached its first year of operations driving next generation Australian entrepreneurship.

In a highly dynamic and impactful first year SSE welcomed 4,000 participants including academic faculty, student entrepreneurs, startups, industry partners, government representatives and community. SSE hosted more than 100 activities at its Ultimo campus and at member campuses across NSW.

2,000 student entrepreneurs from diverse locations and disciplines participated in learning activities, including a Speaker Series, Global Series, Masterclasses and International Bootcamps. SSE's core unit of study, which can be taken for credit by student entrepreneurs from member institutions, is led by specialised academics recognised as expert in their field and industry practitioners.

"Reaching the first year is an important milestone for any new venture," said Nick Kaye, CEO of Sydney School of Entrepreneurship.

"The collaboration between all 11 NSW member universities and TAFE NSW is undergoing an exciting curriculum development, rolling out new units of study at the cutting edge of entrepreneurship education in our second year.

"We're proud that opportunity at SSE is open to student entrepreneurs from metropolitan and regional areas – at least 30% have come from locations outside Sydney.

"More than 100 bright, energetic, creative and committed student entrepreneurs, from different disciplines and institutions across NSW, have graduated from our first unit of study. A further 60 are enrolled this semester.

"We equip our graduates with a global entrepreneurial mindset and high impact skills, connecting them to a growing network of local and global partners.

"The measure of success in years ahead will be those student entrepreneurs who go on to start high growth companies and create new jobs," said Nick Kaye.

Deputy Premier and Minister for Regional NSW, Small Business and Skills John Barilaro congratulated SSE on its first year anniversary.

“When we invested \$25 million to help establish Sydney School of Entrepreneurship, we did it with the aim of creating a place where students from across the state could come together, start thinking like entrepreneurs, and potentially go on to turn their creative ideas into thriving businesses.

“It’s a remarkable place that fosters creativity, collaboration and ambition – all qualities we all want to encourage amongst our youngest, brightest minds,” said John Barilaro.

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Sydney School of Entrepreneurship (SSE) brings together student entrepreneurs from diverse backgrounds, disciplines and locations across NSW. We connect them with industry experts, policymakers, academics, entrepreneurs, advisers and their student peers, in an experiential learning environment.

Our **vision** is to be the leading entrepreneurial school in Australia, ultimately creating next generation jobs and high growth businesses.

Our **collaboration** is unique because it’s globally unprecedented – all 11 NSW universities and TAFE NSW collaborating on a larger common stage for student entrepreneurs to learn, connect and thrive - more than any one could achieve alone.

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