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**STUDENT ENTREPRENEURS COMPLETE FIRST-EVER
UNIT AT SYDNEY SCHOOL OF ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

The first cohort of budding entrepreneurs from across New South Wales have completed The Navigator unit at the newly established Sydney School of Entrepreneurship (SSE).

The pilot unit saw students from across the state take part in online and face-to-face study, where they gained a deeper understanding of the entrepreneurial mindset.

Mapping the entrepreneurial ecosystem through the Massive Ecosystem Scavenger Hunt (MESH) enabled students to understand the Sydney startup community through experiential learning, an innovative learning approach used at SSE.

SSE CEO Nick Kaye said, “This first cohort has attracted students from all 12 of our member higher education institutions and it’s been inspirational to see such diverse and talented students from right across the state.

“Our students represent a variety of disciplines including medicine, botany, engineering, design, law and technology. With a thirst to learn and support one another, they have been a true reflection of SSE and our value in cross-disciplinary learning,” said Kaye.

The Navigator unit was led by the University of Technology Sydney (UTS) with the support of Macquarie University and Charles Sturt University and began with a two-day intensive workshop in August, with supplementary online work completed through OpenLearning.

Roy Green, Dean of the UTS Business School at the University of Technology Sydney said, “We were delighted to lead the first unit offered by the Sydney School of Entrepreneurship and gratified by the interest and enthusiasm of this first student cohort.

“Coming from all over NSW, they have had an opportunity to identify, map and analyse the innovation ecosystems around their own institutions, and gain an insight into the success factors for entrepreneurial ventures and networks,” said Green.



When fully operational, at least 1,000 students each year will participate in SSE courses and activities during their degree or TAFE program, with many more taking part in a program of co-curricular activities including workshops, hackathons, educational boot camps and networking events.

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About Sydney School of Entrepreneurship

Sydney School of Entrepreneurship (SSE) is an unprecedented partnership between all 11 NSW universities and TAFE NSW. SSE brings together highly motivated students from a range of backgrounds, disciplines and locations from across NSW to collaborate and innovate. SSE is not-for-profit and was established with cornerstone investment by the NSW Government.

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About OpenLearning

OpenLearning is an innovative, online social learning platform founded by UNSW alumni Adam Brimo, David Collien and UNSW Professor Richard Buckland. Launched in 2012, OpenLearning takes an interactive approach to learning, focusing on engaging students through meaningful activities and by creating vibrant online learning communities.

Since its launch, Open Learning has had huge international traction, and has been adopted by leading institutions and government bodies around the world. OpenLearning currently supports more than 750,000 students across 5,000 courses and employs more than 65 staff globally.