FIRST YEAR GUIDE
A GUIDE TO YOUR FIRST YEAR IN CSE

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Hey! Congratulations on getting into one of (if not the) best set of degrees in UNSW. Whether you’re here because you want to make the next greatest thing, because you liked the sound of computing during degree selection or because you’ve loved to code all your life, there is something for you here, at UNSW.

Unlike high school, university is monstrous in scale. Life is arranged in a series of steps, each one getting bigger and bigger. Primary school, high school, university (for some) and then whatever chapter comes after that. For many, university will be one of the biggest steps you will take, so it’s natural to feel overwhelmed. I know we did. Staring into that never-ending line of stalls that wrap their way up to the dreaded Basser steps. In our high schools, there were at most 500 people that we did not know. In university? 30,000+.

One way to see this is the way that we first did -- overwhelming, scary... insurmountable. But over time, we saw what university could be -- for those willing to push themselves -- a place where you can find life long friends, take tangible steps towards your goals and dreams... and grow in unimaginable ways.

University provides academic education and a degree. But venture further and you will find many more potential hubs for connection and growth. This is where CSESoc comes in. Backed by the Computer Science and Engineering school, CSESoc is the constituent society for CSE students. What we provide is support to enrich your university experience: the environment to facilitate friendships between people with similar interests and experiences (so they understand what you’re going through), avenues for professional growth (networking, resume/interview help) and academic support from both your peers and older society members.

We are here to support, guide and cheer you on in your journey of professional and personal development. What has made our university experience brilliant so far has undoubtedly been the people, experiences and opportunities we’ve had in CSESoc, but ultimately, we wouldn’t have had those opportunities without being willing to be somewhat nervous, somewhat uncomfortable...

"Always work on something uncomfortably exciting." -- Larry Page

Welcome, and if you see us around, don’t be scared to say hi!
A WORD FROM A PAST PRESIDENT

Hello one and all and welcome to The Computer Science and Engineering Society in 2018, this year its twelfth year of operation.

From all of us here at CSE Soc, I would like to extend an extra special welcome to our first years joining us this year. You have entered into a community that is warm, friendly and passionate about Computing and Technology. Between incredibly fun social events, insightful tech talks and helpful career advice, as well as an Alumni network that spans across Australia, Asia, Europe and America, you have just joined what is almost certainly the best society at UNSW.
To introduce myself, my name is Jake Bloom. I was Co-President of CSESoc back in 2016, and have been asked to share some advice to our incoming first years about how to get comfortable at Uni.

My first piece of advice is this: Nobody’s favourite memory of University is sitting in a lecture or a tutorial. Yes, going to your classes is important, and lectures run by the School of CSE are great. But it’s only one part of what University is about. When I look back, my favourite memories were CSESoc’s First Year Camp, CSE Revue, the Roundhouse Parties, or hanging out in K17 with some of my nearest and dearest friends (that I happened to meet at the aforementioned camps or parties). And on that note, my second piece of advice...

University is a hand-up game, not a hand-out game. Back in high school, people running extra-curricular activities were paid, and you could just participate without consequence.

As you head into University, I’d also like to encourage you to draw upon the community for help, should you need it. All of us were noobs once, and nobody forgets what it’s like to feel like an imposter. Whether it’s a tutor, another member or even alumni, if you need help, you can reach out to anybody, and if we don’t know the answer, we will find someone who does.

“University is a hand-up game, not a hand-out game”

My last bit of advice you is the following: It’s impossible to do it all. I’m sure you’ve seen that meme about University life. You know the one, it has a triangle with points labelled “Good Marks”, “Active Social Life” and “Enough Sleep”. Underneath it says “University Life: Pick Two”. You’ll be tempted, at various points of the semester, to try and ace all your classes, do as many extracurricular activities as you can, and still try make it home before the trains stop running for the night. Protip, it cannot be done. The good news is that you don’t have to “Pick Two” from that triangle, you can create a balance that works for you, and change that balance from day to day, or week to week. Early on in the semester, you’ll want to bias towards making new friends and having new experiences, and you can buckle down and focus on coursework as the days get shorter and we head into winter.

With all that said and done, it’s time for me to sign off. If you have any questions, or just want a yarn, feel free to get in touch. Once again, welcome to CSESoc and we all look forward to meeting you.

JAKE BLOOM
SETTLING IN

Uni is extremely different to what you’re used to in high school; classes with friends are at different times of the day and lunch is not the designated 1:00pm. Despite this, don’t fret – we have all the tips and tricks to make your transition into university life easier and more fun!

EMAIL

Course notices and comment threads you are subscribed to will go to your email. Your email address will look something like z5555555@student.unsw.edu.au, but with your own zID.

You can access your email in a browser: https://outlook.office365.com
Username: zID@ad.unsw.edu.au (Notice the username has @ad. It’s just used for your username.)
Password: zPass

You can also redirect your mail to your own email account (like your gmail) using the UNSW Identity Manager here: https://idm.unsw.edu.au.

ENROLMENT

Ugh. Probably the most tedious and stressful thing to ever do... but not to worry, we have some tips here for you to make it much easier!

You can find most of your enrolment information on MyUNSW – under the ‘My Student Profile’ in the ‘My student services’ tab. Every semester, you will be sent an email stating when your allocated enrolment appointment is. When that time comes, go onto ‘UPDATE MY ENROLMENT’ and just follow the steps!

If you’re like most uni students who work part-time/casual and need to get an idea of available days ASAP but your enrolment appointment isn’t for another week - bojangles is your best friend! Simply googling ‘bojangles’ should lead you to this helpful website but here’s the link just in case:

http://tdransfield.net/utilities/bojangles.

If you’re unsure about what courses to take, make sure you drop by at the CSE Office at K17 and the staff will be more than happy to help you out. Also don’t hesitate to ask for help picking courses on CSESoc’s Facebook group - you can gain some invaluable insight about a course from students who’ve already taken the course.

JOINING ARC

The best part of university is finding people who make it worth the trek everyday, and what better way to meet these people by joining societies! (Especially CSESoc!) Before joining, you need to join ARC at O-Week! Just ask an awesome street team member (green shirts!) where the nearest stall is and make sure to grab the 2018 Sticker to put on your Student ID!

If you study Computer Science, make sure to join CSESoc at our O-Week stall so you can keep updated on our events and be part of the family!
UNSW TRAVEL TIPS

Getting to UNSW can be tricky sometimes - here’s a quick rundown of the best services. If you can’t get to uni via a direct bus, we highly recommend taking a train to Central and catching a bus from there.

Central to UNSW

891 UNSW Express:
These are the easiest and also the fastest way to get to uni if you’re coming via Central! The 891 comes to pick up students at Eddy Avenue everyday between 7:00am and 10:00am with a bus every 5 minutes. It stops at both the Upper and Lower campus so if you want to avoid that trek up the Basser Steps, this is your best option! The lines for the 891 are usually very long during peak times and the start of the semester so we recommend reaching Central at least an hour before your lecture starts.

Other buses:
Eddy Avenue Stand C: 391, 393, 395, M10
Elizabeth Street Stand E: M50, 393

UNSW to Central/Town Hall

Express Buses:
These 891 and 895 depart from Gate 8 or Gate 4 on High Street!

Public Buses:
The M10, 346 and 391-399 depart from the bus stop opposite of McDonald’s Kingsford (towards Barkerstreet) since Anzac Parade stops are closed for construction for the light rail services.

NOTE: These are the most common routes students take to and from UNSW, but are currently subject to change due to light rail construction. Make sure you check TripView and Google Maps to get any updates on where the stops have moved!
RESOURCES & SUPPORT

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Australian Citizens and permanent residents are eligible to receive Commonwealth Support (CSP) for their fees and citizens can also avail HECS-HELP.

UNSW also offers various scholarships, student loans and payment plans to students who are eligible. For more information visit:


MYUNSW & MOODLE

myUNSW (http://my.unsw.edu.au) and Moodle (http://moodle.telt.unsw.edu.au) are the first point of contact for almost anything UNSW related.

myUNSW deals with the administrative side of things - so if you want to enrol in your courses, pay your fees, apply for a concession card or even import your uni timetable, this is the place to go.

On the other hand, Moodle is more to do with your academics. Logging into moodle will give you access to your course material. It’s also where most lecturers will make announcements.

CSE RESOURCES

For most queries CSE, you can drop down to the Student Office, which is located on the ground floor of the K17 building. For a comprehensive FAQ, be sure to visit

http://taggi.cse.unsw.edu.au/FAQ

You can find any other information you might need at

http://engineering.unsw.edu.au/computer-science-engineering/

You can also find a first year concept guide covering everything from email to SSH at

https://goo.gl/zFtSwz
HEALTH SUPPORT

Uni is no walk in the park, and a lot of use tend to trip up now and then, which is absolutely okay. In the race to stay on top of your courses, work part-time and have a social life, it’s important that you take care of your health, both physical and mental. UNSW has various outlets for this, the main one being the University Health Service, which reopening in the Quadrangle this year. Visit http://student.unsw.edu.au/health for more info.

Health isn’t always about your body, but also about the mind. It’s not uncommon for the stress from uni to really bog you down, so it’s important that you’re aware about the help available and actively seek it when required. This is where the UNSW Counselling and Psychological Services comes in. CAPS’ is full of friendly staff who will help you deal with depression, anxiety or any other issues. Visit http://counselling.unsw.edu.au for more information.

LGBTIQ+ SUPPORT

The ALLY@UNSW Network is a lighthouse program that aims to ensure UNSW is a safe, welcoming place for all students and staff who identify as LGBTIQ. The ALLY training program aims to make UNSW a great place for everybody by reducing barriers of fear and ignorance that lead to prejudice and discrimination.

By attending a one day free training session at ALLY, you can learn about LGBTIQ+ terminology, the impacts of discrimination and how you can become a more effective bystander and develop practices to reduce harm and discrimination. Register at http://student.unsw.edu.au/ally

INDIGENOUS SUPPORT

Nura Gili provides support and information for potential and existing Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students at UNSW.

It also provides pathways to learning opportunities that embrace Indigenous knowledge, culture and histories. Nura Gili strives for excellence in educational services and works towards assuring participation and access to all the programs it offers. The staff and students at Nura Gili support community outreach programs to actively spread the message of the availability of tertiary studies.

They also work to promote the centrality of arts, culture and heritage for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples - throughout UNSW and the wider community. Visit http://nuragili.unsw.edu.au for more information.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT SUPPORT

Student Development International (SDI) is the first point of contact for international students. You can visit it at http://student.unsw.edu.au/icontacts

Their Student Advisors (http://student.unsw.edu.au/consult) are always here to help with person alised advice and information about all aspects of university life, student visa, wellbeing, academic performance or if you need help but don’t know where to go. For any more info, visit http://student.unsw.edu.au/international

SIDDHANT VIRMANI
Here are some tips to get you started in CSE

1. **Pick an appropriate laptop for uni**
   To be honest, a high specification laptop with crazy processing power, huge SSD, etc. is not necessary at all. What’s more important in choosing a laptop is whether it fits your needs personally. For me, I found a MacBook Air to be enough for my courses, and because its operating system is MacOS which is Unix based, it’s quite handy to do a lot of uni work since most of the default CSE machines use Linux as their OS. Depending on your courses, you might find a Surface Pro or a Surface laptop quite handy too, since you can directly write your notes or equations on it with a stylus, though it can be a bit trickier to run a Linux command line on one. Having said all that, be sure to choose something that suits your needs well!

2. **Learn to use your time well**
   To most people except the lucky Eastern Suburb ones, UNSW is a very long trek. It’s quintessential Eastern location makes it impossible to get to for most without transferring to bus from Central Station via an 891. Thus, it might be a bit tricky to manage your commuting time if you are not used to spending at least an hour to go to school. I was initially totally devastated after I found out I’d have to spend an idle 2 hours every day on commuting. Fortunately, I have picked up some pretty handy tips to use my time well while commuting.

   At the start of day, I would sort out all my work into 2 categories, one that requires a stable internet connection, and one that doesn’t. Then I would plan my time such that I can use the time commuting to do the work which doesn’t require a stable connection, and use my time at uni doing the rest. Although it works pretty well for me, please be aware that if you tend to have motion-sickness or are generally very sleep-deprived, it’s better to get some rest during your commute for the day ahead. After all, you come all the way to uni to be engaged in classes, and there is no way you can do so if you’re tired.

3. **Get a good text editor**
   In your first course, you’ll probably be directed to use a default CSE editor called “nano” to edit your code, which unless heavily customised is not as powerful as you’d like an editor to be. CSE computers also have “gedit” installed, which is a lot more powerful. But if you really want complete control, I recommend vim or emacs. The learning curve is steep but worth it. CSESoc will also be running workshops on emacs and vim so be sure to attend them!

   If you’re not a fan of terminal based editors, you can also check out the easy to use Sublime Text. Some editors also allow you to run your code within them - two popular ones are Atom and VS Code. Choosing a text editor might sound like a behemoth task, but don’t be afraid to try out new ones.
GET SOCIAL

FEELING NERVOUS?

Are you feeling nervous about your first few weeks of University? If you answered no, than you were a lot more confident than I was! If you answered yes, then you are very much like me (and I would argue many others).

As someone who didn't really fit into any group at high school, I was very intimidated by the prospect of making new friends in a wholly new environment. But what made it worse was... So. Many. More. People.

The sheer number scared me. But -- and I know I'm being a little hypocritical -- don't let it scare you.

In highschool, if you didn't "fit" into the general crowd (a group of 100 or so people) then socially, it was a little hard. But at university, there are thousands of people, with such varied interests it will astound you.

There is something for everybody at UNSW, you just need to know where to look :)

So where do you look?

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SOCIETIES

The easiest place to make friends is with people with similar interests and experiences to you. This is what societies are for! Societies are amalgamations of people with similar interests/passions/degrees. CSESoc, for instance, is filled with friendly students who study a CSE degree (that is, Computer Science, Software/Computer Engineering & Bioinformatics.)

Societies facilitate friendships in fun ways (we run boardgames nights, ice skating, pub crawls... list goes on) and it is generally in these events/gatherings that people find the people that just "get" them. Don't be afraid if you don't find someone you click with at your first event, there is always another society, another event... uni is great in this way.

FIRST YEAR CAMPS

CSESoc runs a first year camp (it is amazing). First year camp is where I made my closest friends.

Everyone you meet will be in a similar position as you (new to uni, a little nervous & excited) and you’ll have an intense 3 day experience with all of them, filled with drinks, games & activities (such as: Scavenger Hunt). There are more than enough people with similar interests to you and you will find people to connect with, you just need to put yourself out there a little bit! If you’re still unsure, you can find more info over at our website - http://csesoc.unsw.edu.au/first-year-camp/

If CSESoc First Year Camp isn’t your thing, there are plenty of other camps running, just look around.

IN CLASSES

In your first lecture, take a little leap and introduce yourself to the guy/girl sitting next to you. At the very worst they’ll give you the cold shoulder (doubt they will though, everyone wants to make friends), but you could meet someone very special (3/4 of my friends surveyed met their special someone in this way!).
Forgot your lunch and want something cheap, yet delicious? No worries, we’ve got you covered! Here are the most popular and also cheapest places to eat food on campus!

**STELLINI’S PASTA BAR (~$10-15)**

Need your carbs fix for a decent price? Stellini’s is every student’s best friend to solve this problem! You can find Stellini’s at the Terraces, near Gate 2.

**GUZMAN Y GOMEZ (~$7+)**

Umm, did someone say burritos and nachos? Yes! GYG has got your back if you’re feeling something Mexican, tangy and huge servings for a decent price! Personally recommend always getting guac as an extra. GYG is located at the Terraces, near Gate 2.

**STOCK MARKET (~$11+)**

If keeping to your ‘New Year, New Me’ resolution of being healthy is your thing, Stock Market is the way to go! You can choose salads you want off the menu, or if you’re feeling creative - make your own! You get free and amazing bread with every purchase you make, so make sure to hit them up! Stock Market is at Upper campus, in the Matthews food court.

**Q LOUNGE (~$8.50)**

You can always find a good deal for food at Q Lounge! Their selection of main dishes change every day, and you can also grab a side of your choice (chips/salad/mashed potato) for a bargain! True to their name, they also have comfy lounges for you to sit and enjoy your meal. Q Lounge is located at the Quad food court!
COFFEE

Uni isn’t complete without your daily shot(s) of caffeine after a long night of coding, right? Here’s a list of the coffee places on campus!

COFFEE ON CAMPUS

Located inside the Ainsworth building, near the Globe Lawn. Coffee on Campus also has amazing hot food at only $5(!!) after 4 PM, so be sure to grab a quick bite with your coffee!

MAZE

Located near Gate 2, Lower Campus.

COFFEE CART

Located at Upper Campus, near the Main Library.
Real time lab availability:
https://cgi.cse.unsw.edu.au/~meicheng/findfreecomputers.pl
GET INVOLVED

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WHAT TO LOOK FORWARD TO THIS YEAR (SOCIAL)

Being a first year at Uni is exciting yet daunting. You have all come from different parts of the country and world to study here, and chances are you barely know anyone around you. To tackle this problem head on, and to give you the best start to your Uni-life, we the Social Team have been working on some mouth-watering events you won’t want to miss!

MEET AND GREET

The best things at Uni aren’t the classes you go to or the lectures you attend, rather, it’s the friends and memories you make throughout your time here. To facilitate your chance to meet your peers in a laid-back environment and kick start your social life, we present to you the Welcome to CSESoc Meet and Greet. The Meet & Greet is a casual get-together where you can meet your peers and the CSESoc Community with some chill music, food and drinks. We will be hosting activities such as ice-breakers and games to help you familiarize yourself with each other.

When: Thursday Week 1
Time: 6pm
Location: K17 Seminar Room

TRIVIA NIGHT

Whether you’re the type of person who likes to assert their intellectual prowess, or like to simply sit back and relax with mates, Trivia Night is the event for you! Trivia Night is fun-filled and intellectually challenging event with 2 entertaining hosts, finger food, and loads of intriguing questions which will keep you engaged for the whole night. There’s also cool prizes to won, so keep your eye out for them.

When: TBA
Time: 6pm
Location: TBA

ICE SKATING

Sometimes, it’s just nice to get out of Uni and enjoy the vibes of a new or different place. And what better to do it, other than in skates! CSESoc goes Ice Skating once a semester; Ice Skating is always a great way to meet new people while doing something you might not have tried before.

When: TBA

CARDBOARD NIGHT

When the stress and pressure of Uni work kicks in, nothing feels more relaxing than grabbing a bunch of people and playing some board games. Hence, we bring you Cardboard Night. Cardboard Night is a laidback event with board games, finger food and soft drinks all set out for you to enjoy a night of great fun and banter.

When: Friday Week 4
Time: 6pm
Location: K17 Seminar Room

FREE WEEKLY BBQ

Now, nothing tingles the senses of a UNSW student better than the sound of FREE FOOD! This coupled with a weekly opportunity to catch up with all your mates, makes our Free Weekly BBQ one of the most loved events. The Weekly BBQ is a free food event for all CSE Students. We ensure to cater for people of all dietary requirements. Here, you will also get to meet our sponsors on a weekly basis, and learn about potential graduate and internship roles offered by them. The BBQ is often followed up by a sponsor talk.

When: Wednesday Every Week
Time: 12pm-1.30pm
Location: John Lions Garden
Apart from all these events, the CSE school also runs a student mentorship program which will assist you to adapt to life at CSE and UNSW. A Mentor will be assigned to you, someone who is in their second year or above. Note that this is not an academic mentor who will help you with assignments, etc., but someone who will help you figure out life at uni and give general advice on how to get the best out of your years here. It is aimed at new undergraduate and postgraduate course-work students.

You can find more info at https://csesoc.unsw.edu.au/student-network/

This is just a small glimpse of the events we have lined up for you this year. We have a lot more up our sleeves so make sure you keep an eye out for our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/csesoc) and website (www.csesoc.unsw.edu.au) to be the first to know what’s happening. Also make sure you join our Facebook group at https://www.facebook.com/groups/csesoc

And while you are at it, make sure to also keep tabs on these sites, to know what is happening across the CSE society and programming world respectively:

Orgsync: https://orgsync.com/81145/chapter
GitHub: https://github.com/csesoc
LinkedIn: https://au.linkedin.com/company/csesoc

FIRST YEAR CAMP

We have a lot of events that we run over the year catered towards the relaxation and enjoyment of our society members. However, there is one event which we tailor exactly for you first years, which is the CSESoc First Year Camp. Here we aim to provide you a three-day getaway with pupils from your cohort and some amazing camp leaders, so that you can make memories and friends that last a lifetime.

First Year Camp is a retreat designed to help you kickback with your peers and enjoy a weekend away from all your Uni work and responsibilities. This year the theme is “Into The Wild” meaning that you can look forward to an adventurous camp, where getting a little wild is not only allowed but truly encouraged!

First Year Camp is a great way to meet new people and make lasting friendships. We at CSESoc highly recommend attending it so make sure you sign up as soon as possible as spots are limited!

When: 16th March

PEER MENTORING

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CSESOC DIRECTORS

EXEC

Co-Presidents

Ofir and Andrew are CSESoc’s dynamic duo. Having been cast alongside each other in the renowned CSE Revue Comedy Sketch show in first year, to having worked together as social heads in second year, this pair (often labelled as CSE’s favourite couple) is more than ready to take on any challenge they face as Co-Presidents as they enter their third year. Ofir’s weaponry networking skills in tandem with Andrew’s diverse skill set from high school equip them perfectly to lead your CSESoc executive. When they’re not complaining about the uni work they should be doing, both co-presidents are always up for a chat - don’t be shy to say hi!

Treasurer

Martin Minh Le

Martin is this year’s Treasurer for CSESoc. He helps handle the business side by making sure that the society stays on track to meet its financial goals throughout the year. Last year, Martin was Secretary for CSESoc and was one of the Producers for CSE Revue. He loves getting involved with the community and making new friends. If you ever see him around, be sure to say hi!

Secretary

Andrew Kaploun

Andrew handles the weekly soc-announce, meeting and event planning for execs, note taking at meetings, and dealing with all things mail related like enquiry emails and managing the mail platform. In his spare time, when he’s not in math lectures, you can find him enjoying a nice coffee or buying excessive amounts of fountain pens and accessories.

Arc Delegate

Raiyan Zubair

Meet Raiyan, the Arc Delegate for CSESoc this year. What does an Arc Delegate do you might ask? Tasks involve a lot of the background admin work such as booking rooms, liaising with Arc, and helping ensure all of CSESoc’s events run smoothly. Top tips from Raiyan: Go to CSESoc Social events for a great time, go to CSESoc Careers and Education events to build up your skills, front-end development is awesome and learn React and make cool and tangible projects that show off your skills.
CAREERS

**Sponsored Events Directors**

The role of sponsored events directors, under the careers portfolio, entails the organisation of events with CSESoc's sponsors. They, in collaboration with the rest of the careers team, design and run a variety of exciting events designed to help our members develop their professional portfolios - by making them aware of the latest career opportunities, improving their resume and interview skills, connecting students with employees at our sponsor companies, and more.

Gary is a third year mathematics and computer science student. He likes cats, dogs, and red pandas.

As one of the older members of CSESOC, Conway's dabbled in a bit of everything. Photographer, graphic designer, coffee machine salesman, maths tutor...the list goes on. In his spare time, you’ll find Conway immersed in the great outdoors - fishing, trekking and long walks on the beach.

**Professional Development**

**James Treloar**

James Treloar, Director of Professional Development for CSESoc members. Whenever he is not playing 'The Floor is made of Java', James is C'ing if anyone will React to his Angular puns. While it usually leaves a burning Ember, James suggests that they just grow some Backbone and get on with it. Eventually these quips might start feeling (Java)Script'ed, but REST assured that he’s trying to keep Objective(-C) about it.
CompClub Directors
Peter Arnott & Lillian Guo

CompClub encourages an understanding of and passion for computing in high school students by running a variety of workshops throughout the year. With the help of CSE students (who volunteer as presenters and mentors, regardless of their experience), we aim to create a fun, collaborative environment for high school students to develop their interests and hone their programming skills alongside like-minded people.

Workshops and Academics Director
Nick Malecki

Nick is the Workshops and Academics Director for this year. His role is to bring awesome talks and workshops to CSE, so if you’ve got an awesome skill you want to share with everyone, please shoot him a message or send him an email! He’s an avid gamer, and enjoys staying up way too late playing games with his mates. He’s also a huge car fanatic and loves drawing in his spare time.

Software Projects Director
Amri Chamela

Amri is a 3rd year computer science and commerce student who is passionate about working in team environments. As software projects director, her role involves defining high level goals for the team, managing external communications, and ensuring things are running as smoothly and efficiently as possible so individuals can work to their best potential.

Publications Director
Siddhant Virmani

As Publications Director, Siddhant is involved in any publication that CSESoc sends out, including this guide! He’s in charge of our bimonthly newsletter Beta, and looks forward to making it a fortnightly staple for you. He loves football and can talk incessantly about pretty much anything, so don’t hesitate to say hi if you ever manage to see him on campus!
Social Directors

The role of the Social Directors is to organize and execute events which will allow students to catch up with their peers and socialize on a regular basis. They host many events such as weekly BBQ’s, Trivia Nights, Cardboard Nights and First Year Camp. They aim to do their best to help you smoothly transition into uni life as a CSE student, and to make your next few years with us as entertaining as they can be.

Sampath is a Commerce/Computer Science student who is fun-loving, laid back and seeks to enjoy every moment to the fullest. He also enjoys playing cricket and soccer.

Mark is currently studying Computer Science and in addition to his studies, he works as an academic tutor of computing courses and was cast in the CSE Revue comedy-sketch show at the end of last year.

Student Network Director
Alli Murray

The transition into CSE and uni life can be a daunting experience. That’s why the Student Network (Stunet) works hard to make your first year of uni amazing and stress-free. We hold fun events where you can meet other first years, professional development catered especially for beginners, and if you sign up for the peer-mentor program, you will get an experienced CSE student as your mentor.

Alli Murray is a third year student studying Electrical Engineering and Computer Science.

Marketing Directors

Marketing is like the make up crew, talent agent and event manager of CSESoc. From designing material to event planning, Marketing works closely with all other portfolios in the society to promote our brand and our events to garner as much exposure as we can at UNSW. With a collective goal to spread the word of CSESoc and to ensure no student misses any news, Marketing is at the centre of this.

Sheng An is a jack of all trades, he loves to expand his horizons and try out new things. He has experience in many society subcommittees, and brings a fresh face along with invaluable skills to the table. You can find him often trying to learn K-pop choreography, taking photos for Instagram or gaming into the morning. Be sure to have a chat with him if you see him around university!

Celine is a third year Computer Science/Science student. She’s the Marketing director for the Careers Portfolio and will be involved with the publicity of all sponsored events. She looks forward to seeing you at our events!