



# Access to free drinking water



## Water bottle refill stations and drinking fountains are readily available across Wollongong Campus.

Bring your own drink bottle and refill it at one of the outdoor water bottle refill stations and help reduce waste to landfill.

Don't worry if you have forgotten your drink bottle there are water fountains available in nearly every building providing free access to chilled drinking water.

To find the water fountains and refill stations at Wollongong campus use the Campus map [www.uow.edu.au/about/campusmap/index](http://www.uow.edu.au/about/campusmap/index) and select water bubblers in the menu under Amenities.

Tap water at all our campuses complies with Australian Drinking Water Guidelines ([NHMRC, 2011](#)) and is safe to drink and is freely and readily accessible.

When choosing a reusable drink bottle:

- Avoid bottles containing BPA. BPA has been found to leach into the water of bottles that are made from it. Most manufacturers now produce BPA-free plastic drink bottles.

- Avoid reusing your disposable PET bottle. Tests have shown that (PET) plastic used to make disposable plastic bottles can leach heavy metals into your water when left in the sun.
- Stainless steel drink bottles are made from food grade materials and do not leach any chemicals into the water. They are lightweight, have a long life span and can be recycled at the end of their life.
- Aluminium drink bottles are also lightweight; however they need to have a lining to ensure the aluminium doesn't leach into the liquids.
- UOW requires that all students use a completely clear (uncoloured) water bottle with no labels for exams. It is best to choose a clear reusable drink bottle that meets the exam requirements, and you can use it all the time.

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