

## Being Social Behind the Screen

### 1. Stay connected on social media.

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, WhatsApp, Tik Tok, and Twitter are already cornerstones of interaction for friends. Social networking apps are a key place where friends interact and express themselves, so connecting with classmates through these online platforms is a great way to build deeper relationships and make new friends outside of college.

Connecting with your peers who are comfortable doing so is a good first step to getting to know one another better and making friends in your course.

### 2. Join a club or society.

Joining a society is a fantastic way to meet students from outside your course! While societies this year will be quite different to previous years, they will still be active, and signups will happen at the beginning of Semester 1 and 2.

If you are apprehensive about joining a club/society, link in with the First Day Contact, a welcoming person to put you at ease about joining.

[First Day Contact - MU Life Clubs & Societies](#)

### 3. Use the resources available through your classes.

Check out your student page for any class discussions or events that might be happening. These are not only useful for collaborating and sharing information but can also be used for non-academic group chats where classmates can interact casually and bond.

### 4. Attend all your lectures and tutorials.

This will give you the opportunity to meet people in your class. There may also be the opportunity to have group discussions with classmates.

### 5. Join the class Whatsapp group.

This will incorporate casual chats with classmates into your daily study routine and keep up to date with upcoming assignments and events.

### 6. Link in with your lecturers early on

Don't be shy - Let your lecturers know who you are, introduce yourself via email early on.

### 7. Plan a socially distanced meet up.

If you happen to live near your classmates, you can use social media to organise a physical meetup. Having shared experiences away from the academic setting is an ideal way for classmate relationships to evolve into friendships. If you and your classmates are scattered across a region, then planning a daytrip to meet up or work on a project together at a central location can be an exciting and unique shared experience.

Remember, making friends is not always easy and can take time — even in normal times— but it is certainly untrue to think that being in an online environment removes all opportunities to make friends.