

Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

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Dear *|FName|*,

Federation University is closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and the actions being taken by government to slow its progress. The safety of our students and staff, and the ability of our students to continue their studies and research safely is our priority, and I would like to reassure you of the actions we are taking. The university is closely following the advice of government health authorities and other agencies.

Preparing for online delivery

Given the rapidly changing nature of the national response to the coronavirus outbreak, we are preparing to transition to online learning and alternative non-face-to-face teaching. A move away from face-to-face teaching will enable the university to better meet public health advice regarding social distancing.

Further information for students will be provided in the coming days about how this will work for a variety of program circumstances, as well as information about placements, exams and student services. Meanwhile, classes will continue unless the higher education sector is directed otherwise by government.

Events and student services

As you may be aware the government has announced restrictions on outdoor events of more than 500 people and indoor events of more than 100 people. While universities are exempt from the restriction, we are nevertheless taking measures to cease gatherings of this scale. We are also reviewing all other university activities and will notify participants if any activities need to be cancelled.

It is our best intention to keep providing our students with the services and support you need on campus, however, we ask for your understanding that some services may be impacted in the coming weeks and months.

Where to find advice

We encourage you to follow government advice on hygiene and other preventative measures to help slow the spread of the virus. The university has introduced increased cleaning measures and hand sanitisers across campuses. Relevant advice is updated regularly on our [website](#), social media and via email. Please check these sources regularly for updates and the university will communicate new information to you as it becomes available.

We understand some of you may be feeling anxious about the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and I remind you that we offer [free and confidential counselling services](#) to our students. You can also contact info@federation.edu.au with any questions.

Best regards,

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