



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Tuesday 30 March 2021

Hi Student,

We are excited to share some positive news with you, Student; last Friday Victoria reached 28 days of no community transmission of COVID-19 – the measure of virus elimination.

The Victorian Government has announced really encouraging changes to restrictions which will allow much more freedom on campus, while we continue to follow key COVID safe measures like using QR codes, physical distancing and staying home if you're sick. You can learn about the restrictions updates, and read the government statement on the [COVIDSafe Settings](#) website.

While limits have been removed on the number of students allowed in common study spaces across the university's campuses, access to some spaces utilised by Higher Degree by Research (HDR) candidates is being managed within Schools to ensure COVIDSafe practices. If you intend to use such spaces, which include shared HDR office spaces managed by your School, or studio and laboratory facilities, please contact your Principal Supervisor and your School's HDR Coordinator:

- School of Arts: [Dr Simon Cooper](#)
- School of Education: [Dr Sharon McDonough](#)
- School of Health: [Dr Louisa Lam](#)
- Federation Business School: [Dr Rachel Taylor](#)
- School of Science, Psychology and Sport: [Dr Grant Palmer](#)
- School of Engineering, IT and Physical Science: [A/Prof Madhu Chetty](#)

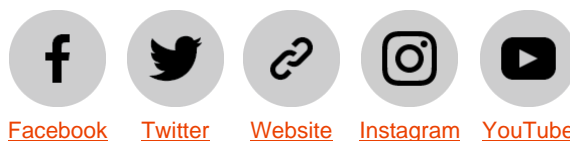
Physical distancing should still be practiced where possible, and face masks, while no longer mandatory in education settings, are recommended where at least 1.5 metres distance cannot be maintained. QR code check-in is still required in our public areas.

With minimal COVID cases in Victoria, a solid contact tracing system on campus and the vaccine rollout commencing, we are confident that this does not compromise the general health and safety of the university community – in fact, student feedback indicates that their mental health is significantly improved when they interact face-to-face with others.

We want you to get the most out of your time as a Federation HDR candidate, which includes having ready access to staff, your peers, and being able to take advantage of the excellent facilities you have on campus.

Stay safe.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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