



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Friday 17 July 2020

Dear Student,

I am writing to update you on the status of your studies with Federation University, as a student who is currently unable to enter Australia to study on campus with us. I appreciate your difficult circumstances and would like to provide you with some relevant information regarding your ongoing studies.

As you would be aware, COVID-19 is an ongoing issue internationally, and whilst Australia's overall case numbers remain very low, there has been a recent increase in cases in Victoria. Current information on COVID-19 in Australia is available online via www.australia.gov.au or www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/coronavirus.

Start the semester online

In line with Government advice, the current university plan is that we will continue online teaching and learning in the first part of Semester 2, 2020. This situation will be subject to review based on government advice. We encourage you to enrol in online courses in Semester 2, if possible, while you are in your home country, so you can continue to work towards achieving your study goals.

Secure corridor

There has been some public discussion regarding the pilot of a "secure corridor"

for international students entering Australia, and the University would welcome such an initiative. We have been working closely with Federal and State governments to provide feedback on the proposal, and have developed our own plans should such a scheme be introduced.

Please note however, there is currently no formal Government advice on the details of such a scheme. Be assured that the University continues to liaise with our Governments on behalf of its students, and we hope to be able to welcome all our students back into the country at the earliest possible time.

If the Australian Government does announce details for a safe return of students, we will contact you as soon as possible so you remain informed. If you have questions please contact our International Student Support team on telephone +613 5327 9018.

In the meantime I hope you stay safe and well and I look forward to welcoming you back as soon as possible.

Regards,

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