

Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Friday 20 March 2020

Dear *|FName|*,

I would like to update you on Federation University's response to the coronavirus COVID-19 outbreak. As we advised students earlier this week, the university is preparing to move the majority of higher education programs online. This will occur from **Monday 30 March**. This email explains how that will work.

[We are also moving to implement the new social distancing guidelines that the Government has recommended for Universities from Monday March 23.](#)

Online teaching and learning

The university will move the majority of undergraduate and post-graduate coursework programs to online delivery for semester one from Monday 30 March. Until then, all classes will continue as usual.

Online delivery means:

- There will be no more lectures and tutorials held on-campus
- Students will continue to access to learning resources via the university learning management system, Moodle
- Teaching and learning activities will be adapted by staff for an online learning environment
- Access to updated teaching and learning activities will be available through your Moodle shell, including links to virtual classroom technologies and virtual meeting spaces that can accommodate collaborative learning and enhance the student experience
- Students may also be provided with access to short videos and focused learning resources via a variety of digital media
- Existing course assessments scheduled throughout the semester will primarily remain the same but will be adapted for an online learning environment

Students already receive learning materials via Moodle. This change means teaching activities will also be conducted via Moodle. This could include videos from your lecturers, tests or online forums with a live discussion.

Enrolment

This is a challenging time for the whole community and we would like to reassure you that we remain absolutely committed to ensuring you receive the highest quality student services, teaching and learning as a Federation University or Federation TAFE student. **There is no need to change your enrolment.** We are simply changing the way we teach. Please talk to your program coordinator about your individual arrangements.

I sincerely hope you and your family stay well throughout this pandemic. We do not know how long the current situation will last, so I urge you to stay calm, don't panic and take every step as it comes. Please follow the University's updates via the university [website](#).

Best regards,

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