



Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Friday 21 August 2020

Dear Student,

Federation University leadership has been looking closely at the stage 4 and stage 3 restrictions in place in Victoria and has spent some time reviewing Federation University Australia's *Three-stage plan for a safe start on campus*.

The tighter restrictions, the introduction of face masks and coverings state-wide, and the impact on students not being able to travel between campuses and complete some practical and vocational education, has meant that it is necessary to reset our *Three-stage plan for a safe start on campus*.

Revised *Three-stage plan for a safe start on campus*

The restrictions in place in metropolitan Melbourne did not exist when this plan was first prepared in July. As a result we can currently consider the university in a 'pre-stage one' category where on campus activities have been brought back to the bare minimum. [Click here to view the revised *Three-stage plan for a safe start on campus*](#).

Stage one – not before 15 September

The date for the commencement of stage one in the university's plan reflects the anticipated end of the current restriction period (midnight 13 September). It is characterised by:

- Predominantly online study

- Essential pracs and research in Nursing, Allied Health, Clinical Psychology, Exercise Physiology and Education
- TAFE studies on campus only in vocational training identified as essential industries by the Victorian Government
- Research supporting COVID-19 responses and regional economic development
- On campus services limited.

Activities on campus can only occur if approved risk mitigations are in place.

Stage two – not before 23 November

In late November, we hope to start bringing back small groups of staff and students on campus for mixed mode educational delivery. This stage is characterised by:

- Predominantly online study
- Small group classes
- Practicals and Work Integrated Learning in some further disciplines
- Field-based research resumes
- On campus services with controlled access based on Victorian Government requirements.

Stage three – not before 23 February 2021

This date has been moved forward to reflect the start of semester one 2021, including:

- Move to mixed-mode educational delivery
- Large group teaching remains online
- Resume all research on-site where possible
- Increased access to on campus services based on Vic Government requirements.

Your health and wellbeing

The university continues to provide all of its support services to students online and over the phone. A full list of the [COVID-19 Support Services for Students can be found online](#). We encourage you to make this link a favourite on your internet search engine so you can readily access support as you need it.

Student counselling

If you are feeling anxious or distressed about the impacts of COVID-19 on you, or your studies, you can talk with a Federation University counsellor free of charge, via phone or online. Get emergency contacts and learn how to [make an appointment here](#).

Please stay safe and check in on each other as we continue to adjust our lives to deal with our journey through the COVID-19 pandemic.

On behalf of the COVID-19 Transition Control Group



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