

## Coronavirus response - Federation University Australia

Monday 23 March 2020

Dear \*|FName|\*,

I wish to advise you that Federation University will pause teaching activities on campus from **Tuesday 24 March** for the rest of the week. This means taught students should not come to campus and all learning activities will be cancelled for the week. This includes lectures, tutorials, classes, practical sessions and placements. Research activities will continue and we will email our Higher Degree by Research students with more information about this today.

The teaching pause follows the Victorian Government announcement that non-essential services will be closed from Tuesday 24 March to combat the spread of the coronavirus COVID-19.

While universities appear to be exempt from these closures, pausing our teaching activities will allow us to prepare for online delivery of higher education programs from **Monday 30 March** and to seek further clarification from the government on the new measures.

Student services and support will still be available during the pause on teaching activity this week, via phone or online.

This is a challenging time for our whole community and we understand you may be feeling anxious about the pandemic situation. I encourage you to utilise the free and confidential [counselling service for students](#) if you would like to talk to someone about how you are feeling.

I would like to reassure you that Federation University is well positioned to deal with this situation and we will continue to keep you regularly updated on both the university's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and the online delivery of your program from **Monday 30 March**.

Please contact your course coordinator if you have any further questions and continue to check our [website](#), email and social media for regular updates.

Best regards,

Professor Helen Bartlett  
Vice-Chancellor and President  
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