

Welcome back to Federation for 2021!

The countdown to Semester One has begun, Student, and we're excited! Are you?



Semester 1 officially begins on 1 March, Student, and we are looking forward to more vibrant, active campuses this year! As we've seen in the last week, changes can happen, and they can happen quickly, so make sure you are aware on what is happening in your local area.

We are thrilled that the 'circuit breaker' lock-down across Victoria has now lifted, our campuses are open and we can continue our transition to campus planning. Federation staff have been returning to campus over the past few weeks, and we are excited to welcome students back as well. We are following government directions and guidelines to protect our students, staff and the community, but we also need your assistance. We've collated some handy information for you below, so you can make a great start to the year!

Stay informed of any Fed COVID-19 updates via the <u>Federation Newsroom</u>, and read on to learn how we can all work together to keep our campuses safe.

We hope to see you on campus soon, Student!



When can you be on campus?

Aside from when campuses are temporarily closed at the direction of government, we welcome students on campus for a number of reasons: to attend a timetabled class, to access an on-campus study space or computer lab, to attend a university organised event, if you have a face-to-face meeting with a staff member, or if you are accessing a staffed on-campus service.

Being COVID-safe on campus.

Just as we continue to take steps to provide a safe environment for you to learn in, we also need you to help keep our campuses open by taking appropriate precautions:

- Don't come on campus if you are unwell. If you have COVID-19 symptoms, get tested and self-isolate until you receive a negative test result.
- 'Check-in' using the QR codes available in communal spaces across our campuses, such as the Library, food outlets and fitness centres. QR codes can be found on posters, tables and near doors, and require the <u>Service</u> <u>Victoria app</u>.
- Comply with all COVID-19 government directives, including the wearing of face masks, applicable at the campus you are attending.
- Be diligent in your personal hygiene practices use the hand sanitising stations installed around campus.
- Contact us if you are suspected or confirmed as having COVID-19, on (03) 5122 6300 between 8.30 am and 5.00 pm. This will ensure we can respond quickly to keep all students and staff safe.
- Confirm your contact details are correct in your <u>my Student Centre</u> account; learn how to update them <u>here</u>. It is vital that we can contact you when we need to.

Check your contact details in my Student Centre

How do you check-in using QR codes on campus?

When you are on campus, we need you to 'check-in' using the QR codes available in communal spaces across our campuses. To do this you need to first download the Service Victoria app.

- 1. Install and open the Service Victoria app on your phone or mobile device.
- 2. Scan the QR code available on posters, tables and near the doors of communal spaces, and follow the prompts to check-in.
- 3. Submit your details and check for the green success tick.

Get the Service Victoria app

Do you need to come on campus for class?

You can check this in your *my Student Centre* account - your weekly schedule will display a room number if you need to attend on campus, or 'ODL' if the class will be delivered online. Remember, the COVID-19 pandemic is still impacting us, and changes can occur quickly and without prior notice. Any required changes to class delivery will be published in Moodle.

If you are currently overseas and unable to return to Australia prior to the start of semester, you will need to study online or take <u>leave from studies</u> where this is not an option. We encourage you to speak with the <u>International Compliance team</u> for further information and advice.

If you have any questions about whether you need to attend on campus, please check with your course coordinator.

Log in to my Student Centre

The return of on-campus services!

Our student service areas have missed assisting you in person! While we must be cautious in our return to providing face-to-face services, we are putting safety measures in place to support this. The webpages for each <u>student support area</u> will be updated as plans are rolled out.

Your **Student HQ** is leading the charge, with plans to be operational on campus from Monday 22 February. Their doors will be open during their standard 'pre-COVID' operating hours – refer to their webpage for details.

Always check your emails and the <u>Federation website</u> for updates prior to coming on campus. The COVID-19 pandemic still impacts our delivery of services, and we strictly comply with all government directives, meaning the availability of services may change quickly and without prior notice.

Student HQ

Access your booklist here!

Booklists are available online approximately two weeks prior to the start of each semester; many are available now. Click the link below to check yours!

Access your booklists

All things Library!

Our student-focussed Library has always been a place of gathering, learning and support, and the staff are busily working towards the goal of opening their doors once again this semester. Keep an eye on the Library webpage and social media for updates.

In the meantime, remember that the Virtual Library InfoPoint is open to point you in the right direction! Library staff are providing a one-stop-shop query resolution service to all students, staff and visitors. Chat to us live, email us, or call 1300 552 567 us with your questions; we'll either answer your query or connect you to the right service. Call, chat or email, say hi, and spread the word – we're here to help!

Virtual InfoPoint chat

FedReady!

Does referencing make your brain hurt? Not sure what your lecturer wants? Want to improve your writing? It sounds like FedReady is for you!

This free two-week program runs in a blended mode, and is happening right now! Opt-in to live sessions, or work through it at your own pace. Check out the timetable online.

Switch back into study mode with FedReady!

FedReady



Student Senate ... applications now open!

Your Student Senate is the University's peak student representative body, here to:

- raise your feedback with senior University staff
- advocate on your behalf and represent Federation students
- help you find the right university service on campus and online
- work with you to propose a change at Federation University.

Be part of this collective voice. No experience is required and lots of support is provided! Check out the <u>Student Senate website</u> and grab your application today!

Explore your Student Senate

Stay connected, get social!

Make sure you're following the <u>FedUni Current Students Facebook page</u> for important announcements and reminders, study advice and student stories. We are also present across a number of other <u>social media</u> platforms. Like, follow, subscribe or use the hashtag #feduni ... Whatever works for you!

Get social!

Academic and study support, your key to success!

We all face challenges; it feels like we've faced far more than our share over the past year! To help you meet these challenges, and give you every opportunity to succeed, we have many student-focused programs – all are free for Federation students to attend or access.

<u>FedReady</u> Prepare for study

Study Skills Help with referencing, assessment, research, and more

PASS program Join a study group for targeted courses (undergraduate only)

ASK program ASK a Federation student for help

Studiosity Free online tutoring for undergraduate students

Learning Skills Face-to-face assistance with referencing, essay and report writing structure and

<u>Advisors</u> other study skills

Student Blog Federation students share their study experiences and tips

Contact us

If you require any assistance, please <u>log an enquiry via FRED</u>, or call us on 1800 FEDUNI (1800 333 864) between 9 am and 5 pm, Monday to Friday.











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