

## ACU Announcements

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Dear staff and students

It is a measure of our ACU community's fortitude and resilience in how you have responded to so many changes with little notice. Thank you. It is not always easy but I am encouraged by our ability to continue work and studies through the pandemic.

Increasing numbers of staff and students are now returning to campus and it is important for us all to keep safe and healthy as we follow the road to recovery.

As you do come back, you will notice some changes such as directional signage, advice about numbers of people at a time in lifts, and other information about safety and hygiene. Properties and Facilities staff have been following recommendations of authorities to ensure rooms are cleaned regularly, there are plentiful and informative signposts, the campuses are equipped with hand sanitiser, and space is used to accommodate appropriate social distancing.

### **Transport and parking**

We understand that there are still unknowns about how quickly business and cities return to previous levels of activity, and how this will affect public transport, roads and parking.

You might consider whether you can alter your travel times, adopting car-pooling or adopting other measures to avoid possible delays in traffic or on public transport.

State transport authorities have taken measures to reduce the number of passengers and points of contact, increase cleaning, and to encourage physical distancing. Check your local transit information as these are being updated regularly.

Normal arrangements about parking on campuses have resumed, with some discounts available for parking stations near some of our city-based campuses.

All campuses have end-of-trip facilities for walkers or cyclists to shower and change.

### **Practical classes**

Practical classes restarted this week, with midwifery students back on campus in Brisbane and Melbourne; next week nursing and paramedicine students will return to Ballarat, Brisbane, Canberra, Melbourne and North Sydney. In June we expect to see exercise science and exercise physiology students back.

## **Placements**

As schools return to full-time attendance there may be some adjustments to placements and protocols for education students, so please ensure that you check your email very regularly.

We continue to work closely with schools and regulatory authorities to implement strategies that support your progression and appreciate your patience and understanding.

The [FAQs](#) on the ACU website are being updated regularly and include links to ACU policies as well as health authorities, government directions, and public transport.

## **Vice-Chancellor and President Professor Greg Craven**

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