

## ACU Announcements

Wednesday 22 April 2020

Dear staff and students

I'm pleased to report that there is not a lot of fresh news to report. We are tracking well in seeing through Semester 1 and are busy planning the lead-in to Semester 2. Throughout this time the university is following advice from the federal and state governments about the way out of the current restrictions, and we are planning for how to manage when those are progressively removed.

I am encouraged by how well our staff and student communities have taken to the challenges of changing the way they operate. We are all learning a great deal from the switch to online working and learning.

Although the university is successfully operating almost entirely online, our campuses remain open and we expect to return to all of our campuses when the removal of restrictions makes this possible.

### **Recovery Management Taskforce**

The Critical Incident Response Group continues to meet regularly, but the university is simultaneously turning its attention to recovery.

I have convened a Recovery Management Taskforce to guide us through this process.

Members of the taskforce are:

- Vice-Chancellor and President, Professor Greg Craven AO, GCSG (chair)
- Chief Operating Officer, Dr Stephen Weller
- Provost (acting), Professor Zlatko Skrbis
- Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Research), Professor Wayne McKenna
- Deputy Vice Chancellor (Coordination), Professor Hayden Ramsay
- Vice President, Father Anthony Casamento csma
- Deputy Chief Operating Officer, Mr Paul Campbell
- Deputy Provost (acting), Professor Meg Stuart
- Director of Marketing and External Relations, Ms Kathy Vozella
- Director, Planning and Strategic Management, Dr Omer Yezdani
- Dean, Faculty Health Sciences, Professor Michelle Campbell
- Dean, Education and Arts, Professor Elizabeth Labone

This group is also meeting weekly and is considering a range of issues related to the university's recovery from the current crisis. Over coming weeks, regular communication will transition from this group (CIRG) to RMT.

### **Staying connected**

We love how well you have responded to our #ACUatHome social media campaign. Student take-overs of Facebook and Instagram, alumni messages, and greetings from our executive are just part of the conversation. It's wonderful to see how our students have jumped online to share study hacks, interesting workspaces and furry study buddies.

### **Want to know more?**

We have used your feedback to overhaul the frequently asked questions on the ACU website. The new-look [FAQs](#) are regularly updated and are still the best place for staff and students to visit for the most current and helpful information.

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

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