

ACU Announcements

Tuesday 23 June 2020

Dear staff and students

While we have been working towards a full return of staff to campus by Wednesday 1 July and students taking classes on-campus and online from Semester 2 (starting Monday 27 July), ACU has always remained observant of government restrictions and public health orders.

The Victorian Government's extended restrictions mean that staff in Melbourne and Ballarat who can work from home must do so until 31 July, returning to campus on Monday 3 August.

Students in Melbourne and Ballarat, other than those with practical or clinical requirements, will be required to study online only for classes in week one.

Staff on all other campuses are required to return to campus by Wednesday 1 July. For students on all other campuses, Semester 2 on-campus activities will commence from Monday 27 July.

Return to campus arrangements are as follows:

CAMPUS	STAFF	STUDENTS
Adelaide, Blacktown, Brisbane, Canberra, North Sydney, Strathfield, Rome	1 July	27 July
Ballarat and Melbourne	3 August	3 August

As you return to campuses, it is important to remember that we all have a personal responsibility to maintain good hygiene and physical distancing practices, including remaining at home when unwell. Please look out for changes on campus and follow directional signage and the advice of campus staff.

In developing our return to campus plans, we have ensured we observe regulations and recommendations of national, state and territory authorities. Universities Australia is also consulting closely with these governments and has updated its [Principles and protocols for reducing the risk of COVID-19 transmission at universities](#) which clearly

outline expectations for how universities can restore face-to-face operations while managing the challenges of COVID-19.

A reminder that the following procedures have been established:

- ACU will comply with government restrictions and public health orders
- the return of all members of the campus community will support the activities (and services) of the university
- ACU will continue to ensure that the physical campus is safe, prepared and ready by managing workplace health and safety and hygiene
- staff and students have a personal responsibility to maintain good hygiene and physical distancing practices, including remaining at home when unwell.

I would like to remind you that if you have tested positive for COVID-19, or you are responsible for a staff member or student who has tested positive, you must [inform the university](#) and follow medical advice.

You are also encouraged to download and register for the [COVIDSafe app](#).

Please keep checking the [FAQs](#) on the website as these are being regularly updated.

Regards,

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