

## ACU Announcements

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Dear staff and students

After yesterday's National Cabinet meeting there have been encouraging developments about COVID-19 and how the nation will move into recovery mode.

At ACU we are closely reviewing the outcome of yesterday's meeting and look forward to further advice from Friday's National Cabinet meeting which is expected to have greater detail for how we live, work and study.

As restrictions start to ease, the university is working on its recovery plans including how staff and students may be able to safely return to campus in coming months. More will be communicated about these plans in future announcements.

### **Rome Campus**

I'm delighted to let you know that our Rome Campus opened on Monday this week. The reopening of the Rome Campus is an important symbol of resilience and of ACU's commitment to the community.

This year has been a very challenging time for all of us, but the reopening of this campus gives us hope for the future and reminds us that there will be an end to this health crisis. I look forward to greater resumption of normal activities on this and all our campuses as new advice allows.

### **Grades and assessments**

We are continuing to review how we can work with our students to minimise disruption to their studies.

For the duration of the pandemic, we have reviewed our assessment-related process and grades.

Students have been emailed with details of these changes, which include:

- introduction of 'result pending' interim grade
- adjustments to extensions and special consideration
- changed eligibility criteria for supplementary assessment
- new criteria for withdrawals from units

Full details of these changes are available in the [Student Portal](#).

### **Lab classes**

Delayed Semester 1 lab classes will resume shortly for Faculty of Health Sciences students. Practical and simulation classes are expected to gradually start again from Monday 18 May.

As the university moves from critical incident to recovery, we will continue to email you weekly with updates.

In the meantime, please continue to monitor the [FAQs](#) on the ACU website which are being updated regularly.

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

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