

## ACU Announcements

Monday 6 July 2020

To students on the Ballarat and Melbourne campuses

Semester 2 will commence as planned on 27 July, however alternative activities will replace some classes for the first week due to the Victorian Government's public health order.

Classes scheduled to be on campus for Semester 2 will not proceed until week 2 (week of 3 August).

Students in Melbourne and Ballarat will be required to study online only for classes in week 1 unless you have practical or clinical requirements.

Practical classes scheduled for week 1 (that is, the week beginning July 27) are still required to be on campus. You are permitted, within the health order guidelines, to attend campus for these classes. The academic staff assigned to teach and support these activities are also permitted to travel to campus for this purpose.

There will be no change to the scheduled timetable for week 1. Your personal timetable will remain the same in Allocate+, even where your on-campus activities have been moved online. LEO will be the source of platform changes. For other activities such as lectures and tutorials, alternative online arrangements will be in place. Please check your LEO sites for further information about your classes. Continue to monitor your unit LEO sites in case information changes.

The additional restrictions for [identified Victorian postcodes](#) are in place until the end of July and therefore will not affect this plan.

As you will appreciate, we continue to monitor public health orders and advice and will advise you if things change.

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, 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.

Best wishes,

**Professor Zlatko Skrbis, Provost, on behalf of the Recovery Management Team**

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