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All staff email from Professor David Lloyd, Vice-Chancellor and President

Dear Colleagues,

As we move into the middle of the year and with a successful series of graduations behind us, it is tempting to consider that we are approaching something resembling a more normal academic year than we have experienced in some time.

However, as we have all seen and heard in recent weeks the COVID pandemic is regrettably not yet behind us. There are tragic situations playing out in many communities around the world. I know that many of our own UniSA community are directly impacted by this and that this is particularly acute for our current 1700 Indian students, our alumni offshore and for so many of us with family and friends outside Australia. My thoughts and the thoughts of all the UniSA community go out to our friends, families and partners who are dealing with these extraordinary circumstances.

I also want to reassure you all that the University will continue to do all it can to support those it can through the range of services we have available. Senior staff are meeting regularly to monitor the changing environment and we will continue to make any adjustments and accommodations that are necessary to ensure the health and safety of our community, support each other through this journey and minimize disruption to University learning and research.

Some staff and students will have received direct communications recently relating to the current situation, but I would like to remind everyone that the COVID [website](#) is regularly updated with the latest key information and provides links to available resources and services. There are links to Campus Central and our counselling services for students, and for staff there are links to the employee assistance program and information about other supports.

I want to thank everyone for their ongoing concern for each other and for adapting to the changed teaching and learning arrangements while observing health protocols. We have had to adapt a great deal in the more than twelve months of the pandemic and I am proud of the way our community has responded to each turn and change during this time.

Like you, I look forward to a time when borders across all countries are able to safely open and the personal connections that define the international higher education community are restored. In the meantime we will continue to communicate with you as circumstances change.

With best regards