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

Dear colleagues

I'm delighted to let you know that the program to allow a small number of international students to return to Adelaide to continue their studies, has now been approved. Our international students are not only an important part of the UniSA community, they are vital to the economic and cultural health of South Australia. I'm sure you will want to join me in welcoming them back to Adelaide.

The Student Return to South Australia program has been developed through close consultation with the three major SA universities, StudyAdelaide, the state and federal governments, as well as health authorities. It will operate in line with federal and state health regulations.

The program will operate as a "proof of concept" demonstrating that we can safely manage the return of international students to study in South Australia, when borders open in future.

I understand that you may have some questions, or may be fielding questions from family and friends, about the program and how it will work. Some of the key points are listed below, and there are [FAQs](#) that provide more detail about the management of the program.

- About 300 current students will return to SA under the program – UniSA is expecting to welcome back 90 of our students.
- Eligible students will receive a letter from the University today, inviting expressions of interest. From there, we will make offers to students based on their need to attend face-to-face classes or placements to complete their degrees, their nearness to completion, their geographic location, and their visa status.
- Students will begin arriving back in Adelaide from mid-November through until January, ready to begin the new semester in February 2021.
- Returning students will be travelling on specific flights, via Singapore. Upon arrival, they will be escorted to a hotel to begin their 14-day supervised quarantine immediately. Once they receive clearance from SA Health, they will be able to begin attending classes on campus.
- Only continuing students from the following locations will be eligible to return as part of this program: Indonesia, Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, China (PRC), Hong Kong, South Korea and Japan. These locations have been selected based on being part of the approved Singapore Airlines transit corridor.
- Students will be required to meet the strict quarantine requirements set out by SA Health as a condition of their inclusion and ongoing participation in the program. These measures are the same as those applied to Australians being repatriated from overseas.
- A condition of approval for the program is that returning Australian citizens will be given first priority on flights.
- Students are responsible for meeting the costs of their flights and quarantine process. Each university is making a contribution to assist students in meeting these costs, as one of the measures that we are implementing to deliver support to all students – Australian and international – during the pandemic.
- Students offered places in the program have been studying remotely and will be able to transition smoothly to on-campus learning when they have completed their quarantine and met all health requirements.
- We will also provide a program of support and engagement activities to help students during quarantine and throughout the summer break. Campus Central will be in touch with the students when they arrive and help to support them over that time.

I look forward to welcoming our returning students back to campus in the coming months – please join me in giving them a warm welcome.

If you have any additional questions, please contact Stacey Monteith in UI.