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All staff and students email from Professor David G. Lloyd, Vice Chancellor and President

Dear Staff and Students,

My apologies for once again filling your in-boxes with email relating to Covid-19 and our interventions to manage the ever-evolving situation, but these are somewhat unprecedented times.

I am very grateful for your attention and patience during this time.

Following the latest public health advice from the Federal and State Governments I write to advise you of the following.

- The university is postponing all graduation ceremonies scheduled for April and May in all locations – Adelaide, Whyalla and Mount Gambier. Students' awards will be conferred *in absentia* and parchments will be sent to all graduates by post. We anticipate holding additional graduation ceremonies in September to appropriately recognise our students' achievements and success.
 - All affected students will receive direct communication on how this is being managed.
- All international travel on university business and/or study tours is suspended until further notice.
- All domestic interstate air travel on university business is suspended until further notice.
- All university public events are deferred until further notice.

There has been a shift in focus to 'social distancing' as a measure of infection control. This shift has now led to new restrictions, on the size of public gatherings and the requirement for all visitors to Australia to self-isolate for 14 days on arrival, which come into effect from midnight tonight.

While the university has no lecture classes approaching the 500 person prescribed limit for gatherings, we do recognise that measures of social distancing should be appropriately implemented across a large community such as ours.

There is no current requirement for the university to halt physical teaching at this time.

As part of our ongoing planning, in the coming days, we will also be issuing advice to program directors, course coordinators and teaching staff on how best to make use of lecture recording, online content, virtual classrooms and tutorials to progressively reduce face to face teaching levels over the coming weeks, in a managed way. We will similarly be working with our research leaders to advance appropriate contingencies for research activities and HDR students.

In the interim, I re-iterate the current public health advice – if you are feeling unwell, please do not attend at the university until fully recovered, seek the appropriate medical advice as required and act to minimise the risk of infection for others.

Please familiarise yourself with the staff and student FAQs on the [COVID-19 coronavirus information webpage](#).

Students with questions relating to their study can contact [Campus Central](#). For any student enquires relating to health and wellbeing please contact seu@unisa.edu.au for assistance, advice and support. Staff may also contact seu@unisa.edu.au if they have any questions or concerns regarding a student's health or wellbeing.

Staff members with any questions are asked to please contact your local [People, Talent and Culture Business Partner](#) or email PTC@unisa.edu.au.

Thank you again for your patience and collegiality as we deal with this matter.