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

Dear Students

Welcome back to your studies.

I know I speak for everyone here when I say It's great to have you back with us. Whether you're new to campus, have just tuned in online or are returning to campus to continue your studies, we are really pleased to have you where you belong. We've missed you. UniSA is your university, built and geared for you and we are here to see that you get the best education and the best university experience it's possible to get, during your time with us. University is meant to be the academic journey of a lifetime but the last 12 months have interrupted that, for you and for us, and we are delighted to be back on track.

Importantly, last year taught us all to look after ourselves and each other. We're all part of the same UniSA family now and we need to care for each other

I hope that the education you'll get at UniSA is one you'll remember forever and remember as one of the best adventures of your life.

If you're new to UniSA, don't worry, it won't take long for you to learn which building – or which online space - you're meant to be in and for what purpose. But if in doubt, don't be shy, ask someone. There are plenty of us who got lost in our first few weeks and we're always happy to lend a guiding hand for whatever purpose – navigating spaces or systems. If you're back to continue your studies, it's great to see you too – now that you know the ropes perhaps you can lend a helping hand wherever needed to your new peers.

I want to thank all of you for choosing to come to UniSA to learn with us. If you think of your UniSA education as a first step in your career, and treat your studies as part of the job you've set yourself, you'll come to classes prepared, and you'll be fully engaged in whatever activities your program requires.

That's all part of the university experience and I know you will make the most of your time here. For those studying on campus, look out for the [campus fairs](#) on the four metropolitan campuses in March where you can connect with a [student club](#) or [UniSA Sport club](#). Students in Mt Gambier and Whyalla can connect via the USASA office and student representatives. Get involved in the UniSA+ program, develop your leadership skills and consider volunteering or mentoring other students.

This is where your career begins and you can get an up close and in depth look at that career at the Careers Expo on Friday 12 March. The more information you have, the better choices you'll make.

Above all else, thank you, too, for your patience and understanding as we all grappled with the unforeseen circumstances and challenges of our times. While those challenges still continue, we encourage and will support you to stay safe and well, with our COVID-safe practices on campus, <https://i.unisa.edu.au/students/student-support-covid19/> and our UniSA support services (<https://i.unisa.edu.au/students/student-support-services/>)

I look forward to seeing you around the campuses – or online – or both! - soon.