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**All staff email from Professor Allan Evans, Acting Vice-Chancellor**

Dear all

As we head to the weekend I just wanted to thank everyone for their hard work and commitment over the past few days as we moved into lockdown mode and adjusted to teaching, learning and researching remotely (in what is becoming a disturbingly familiar way). I know the change presents challenges for us all in different ways but we can be collectively proud of the way in which the University community continues to respond.

Teaching commences again in earnest next week (and has been ongoing for many) and current arrangements for online learning as previously outlined will continue for the period of the lockdown. Students will be informed by program directors of any changes to these arrangements. As we learn more about the extent and duration of the lockdown we will also look at additional support for our students (we discussed this briefly at our Academic Board meeting the afternoon).

For the information of staff, the planned upgrade to LearnOnline which was scheduled for this weekend has been postponed.

As I write this we don't know at this stage about the timing of the lockdown or any changes to restrictions, so I encourage you to please keep monitoring the University website and your inbox for further information – we will continue to communicate whenever there is a significant change in arrangements. The FAQs on the website are regularly updated and also provide links to further information. Please also note that:

- [CampusCentral](#), [IT Helpdesk](#) and [Library Helpdesk](#) services are continuing to be monitored.
- the [Employee Assistance Program](#) and [Student Counselling Services](#) are accessible during this period. The Out-of-Hours Crisis Line has been extended to 24/7. If you need urgent mental health support, please contact the Out-of-Hours Crisis Line on **1300 107 441** or via text on **0488 884 163**

I thank you again for the great cooperation, collaboration and collegiality shown by our community.

Regards