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**All staff email from the Vice Chancellor, Professor David Lloyd**

Dear Colleagues

Following my email over the weekend regarding the latest information on the novel coronavirus (2019-nCoV) and the border restrictions which are now in place, I am writing to keep you informed of the University's response.

Based on our own data, and information provided by the Department of Home Affairs, we now have a clearer understanding of the status of our affected international students - those here in Australia and the cohort still in China and impacted by travel restrictions. We are now in regular and direct communication with those students.

We have established a single uni-wide group to coordinate our response strategy and actions. This group has been meeting since the situation started to emerge and, following a meeting of SMG this morning, I have asked Prof Marie Wilson, in her role as Chief Academic Services Officer, to oversee coordination of our response to support those students still in China.

As we monitor the ongoing impact of travel restrictions on the affected cohort, where possible, our intent is to advance online/external study options for these students ahead of their return to onshore classes with us in due course. Marie will be working with Heads of School to develop individual study plans as well as addressing any other academic issues arising for these students.

Separately and for your information, we have ascertained that we only have a very small number of students in Adelaide that need to self-isolate as per current Government health advice and the SEU continues to directly support these students.

Fact sheets have been provided to Heads of School and Directors of Units detailing additional information for staff on appropriate processes and responses to on-campus students who may have questions or concerns as we navigate the current situation.

Based on all the information that we have to hand, as we work to support our affected students in the manner outlined above, our intention is to commence the 2020 academic year as scheduled, with Orientation Week commencing on 24th February and classes commencing from 2nd March.

We look forward to the commencement of the academic year, to welcoming all our students and, in particular, strongly supporting those students who have been impacted by recent events.

I will continue to provide updates as the situation unfolds.