



Dear Christopher

I hope you have settled back into study during Trimester 2. I would like to update you on plans for our staged return to campus as we continue to carefully monitor the threat of COVID-19 and follow the ongoing advice of Queensland Health.

Community transmission of COVID-19 in Queensland remains extremely low, with only 12 active cases currently across the state. Should this change however, we have well-established processes in place to respond and will continue to monitor the situation closely and follow government advice.

### **Returning to study on campus**

Next week is mid-trimester break for those studying in the standard trimester and from Week 5 (Monday 17 August), you will have the option to experience a combination of online and face-to-face learning. The extent of the face-to-face activities will depend on the nature of your courses and the feasibility of bringing specific activities back onto campus.

For the latest information on studying on campus, please visit [studying in Trimester 2](#).

Quality remote teaching will also be maintained for all courses and you will have the opportunity to continue your studies online during T2 if you prefer. See your course information in Learning@Griffith for details.

### **Hygiene and wellness**

Our primary concern during our return to campus remains the health, safety and wellbeing of our students and staff.

We have installed hand sanitiser at the entrance of all our buildings for your use. All students and staff are being asked to practise good hand hygiene. Disinfectant wipes will also be provided in common learning spaces so you can reclean tables and chairs if you wish.

Most importantly, you should stay home if you feel unwell and do not come to campus. This is the best way to protect yourselves, your fellow students and our staff.

### **Social distancing and face masks**

In line with government health directives, social distancing remains in place. This means you should keep 1.5 meters apart from those around you whenever possible on campus.

Face masks are not required to be worn on campus unless you are undertaking clinical activities where Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) is essential. We are following the advice of the Chief Health Officer and expert advisory panel on use of PPE. We fully support the right of all students and staff who wish to wear masks on campus to do so and ask that you also respect the choices of others.

### **Returning from interstate**

Students who are currently interstate and wish to return to Queensland will be required to abide by the directions of the Chief Health Officer, which in some cases requires a 14-day quarantine period.

Please check the [Queensland Government website](#) for up to date information and be aware that this information has been changing at quite short notice, so you should check the website before you travel.

## **Exams**

Most exams will be conducted online in T2. Practical, professional and performance-related exams may be held on campus. Oral exams may be conducted face to face or online. Interstate students should contact their course convenor for alternative exam options giving the convenor as much notice as possible.

## **Accessing support**

If you are feeling anxious or concerned, the [Griffith Online Health and Wellness Centre](#) can direct you to counselling services on campus, as well as numerous other support resources.

If you require support outside University hours, the Griffith Mental Wellbeing Support Line is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide immediate assistance for emotional and mental distress. Phone 1300 785 442 or text 0488 884 146.

Thank you for your ongoing patience and resilience as we work through this transition. We look forward to seeing you back on campus in the coming weeks if you are feeling well and ready to return.

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