

April 9, 2020 – Information for new students: 2020 academic calendar changes and online learning

Dear student,

As a future ACAP student and important part of our community, we wanted to reach out and keep you informed about our response to the unfolding coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis, and what it means for you.

As well as implementing online learning and teaching until the end of Trimester 1, we have also adjusted our academic calendar for the remainder of 2020. This means the Trimester 2 start date has moved to 15 June. We hope these changes will support you with your studies. Importantly, you will have an extra three weeks before Trimester 2 to adjust to any unforeseen personal circumstances that you may be facing as a result of COVID-19. We will use this time wisely to ensure you enjoy a rewarding and engaging online learning experience in Trimester 2.

What are the changes to the academic calendar?

1. All ACAP campuses will be closed from 19 May until 15 June (an extended three-week break). Visit the [ACAP Online Campus page](#) for the latest updates on campus closures.
2. There is no study break during Trimester 2 or Trimester 3
3. The Trimester 2 start date has moved to 15 June
4. The Trimester 3 start date has moved to 28 September.

To view the complete 2020 academic calendar, including Trimester 3 dates, please [click here](#).

Timetable requirements

Due to the change in delivery mode, we will need to make some adjustments to your timetable. We will aim to align your new timetable with your existing timetable. If any changes need to be made, your Course Adviser will contact you directly.

Please rest assured that ACAP's move to online learning has not impacted the quality of our courses or content.

Information about online orientation can be found on [this page](#). I encourage you to register for an online session by following this link after Monday 20 April.

Activities during the extended trimester break

Fortunately, ACAP has numerous resources so that you can kickstart your studies before Trimester 2 begins. These will be available to any enrolled student and will provide opportunities for further professional development - as well as helping you to stay connected with your learning community. We will provide more information in the coming weeks. Right now, you don't need to do anything. Your Course Adviser will be in touch shortly to discuss what this all means for you and your studies.

In the meantime, please stay safe and well, use this time to focus on your studies and most importantly, look out for each other. While access may be restricted to your campus, ACAP staff are here to help, and we encourage you to reach out to the Student Experience team on StudentCentral@acap.edu.au or on the Online Reception Desk via Zoom at acap.zoom.us/j/660235497.

Please continue to refer to the following ACAP web pages for further information and for access to useful resources:

- [COVID-19 updates](#)
- [ACAP Online Campus](#)
- [ACAP Library](#)

Kind regards,
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