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THOUSANDS OF PROSPECTIVE STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN FNU'S FIRST EVER VIRTUAL OPEN DAY

VIRTUAL OPEN DAY PRESENTS INSIGHTS INTO DIFFERENT CAREERS - SHARMA

The online mode of conducting open day has a greater reach



Suva Muslim College students and teachers receive their prize from FNU Marketing Staff Shaneel Nand

Fiji's national university conducted the country's first-ever Virtual Open Day from August 17 to August 21, giving potential students and the general public access to information on the full range of programmes offered by Fiji National University (FNU) together with minimum entry requirements as well as the career prospects for each of the courses.

Year 13 student of Suva Muslim College, Jessica Naaz Anand Ram said she was elated to learn about FNU's Virtual Open Day through the University's Social Media pages.

"With the current containment measures such as gathering restrictions implemented by the government due to the global Coronavirus pandemic, my friends and I thought that this year there will not be any open days."

"This made us really worried about our career visions, especially during a time where millions of people are jobless around the globe because of a pandemic and that we need to make a career choice that would be relevant for the job market that will be there after the pandemic."

"The culture in Fiji has been that we visit the campuses of the different universities during their open days but getting to know that a University in our country is organising an open day using the technology with the intention of giving us the same experience as campus visits made us really eager," said Ram.

The 18-year old said she was thrilled to gather information about FNU with a few clicks on the University's dedicated Virtual Open Day webpage.

"When I first got to know about the open day being organised virtually, I was wondering about the structure and how will the University present all the critical information to us students using online tools only."

"Having visited the webpage now, I admit that this model of the open day actually gave me the opportunity to explore various services offered by FNU apart from actual academic student-life. I was able to browse through the information presented on the webpage in my own time at home apart from the dedicated sessions in school."

Ram is interested in pursuing Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Accounting and Economics.

"It was an inspiring opportunity to listen to the senior academics speak about their colleges and the different

options available for us to choose from."

Getting in touch with the staff through live Q&A chat sessions

According to Ram, this feature of the virtual open day was the most exciting and informative at the same time.

The University organised three live interaction sessions with the staff for the five days – 10 am to 11 am | 2 pm to 3 pm | 5 pm to 6 pm.

"We as students know that open days are our chance to clear any doubts that we may have about the choice of our study programmes – this feature gave us the perfect opportunity to communicate with the staff of the University and ask as many questions."

English teacher at Suva Muslim College, Vandhana Kumar said the students were divided into groups according to their disciplines for the live chat sessions and registered for the sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

"Our students were really excited and were looking forward to the open day from two weeks prior to the actual date the event commenced," said Kumar.

"We registered for a number of sessions because we didn't want any student to be left out and it was easier to manage student questions this way, keeping in mind their choice of programmes."

Kumar said there was a great flow of conversation during the chat sessions.

"The students were getting their questions answered instantly and I believe this form of communication made the students more confident and comfortable in asking whatever questions they had."

Suva Muslim College won a wifi-projector during the draw for one of the live Q&A sessions.

Greater student participation in a virtual model of the open day

According to Vice Principal of

Suva Muslim College, Kala Sagar, as far as student involvement and participation is concerned – the online mode of communication has a greater percentage.

"When compared to having Open Day on Campus, there a lot of factors that we teachers have to consider such as – transportation of students and teachers, students lunch and sometimes weather conditions make it difficult to visit all the booths set up by the universities," said Sagar.

"Online presentation of academic information is going to be really effective. During campus visits, some students may not be able to attend and they miss out on critical information but with virtual information access, every student will be able to get access to all the information."

The FNU Virtual Open Day page will remain live for the rest of the year and can be accessed on www.fnu.ac.fj/virtualopenday



Thousands of prospective students participate in FNU's first ever Virtual Open Day



Keen to get an insight into the various programmes and a subsequent career path, more than 90 secondary schools and around 1500 individuals across Fiji participated in the first-ever Virtual Open Day hosted by the Fiji National University (FNU).

Acting Vice-Chancellor, Tessa Price said the regular Open Day was halted this year following the ongoing restrictions due to the global pandemic; however, the institution still gave the public a taste of University life in a virtual format.

“Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, we are now entering a new chapter in the history of education with instructors and students being pushed to incorporate technology in learning and teaching more than ever before,” said the FNU Acting Vice-Chancellor.

“Given the current gathering and social distancing measures in our country, we decided to conduct this year’s Open Day entirely online giving you the chance to know the FNU from the comfort of your home,” she said.

The week-long Virtual Open Day, provided potential students with an opportunity to have real-time discussions with the senior academics who have diverse experience in various areas which students are keen to pursue at tertiary-level.

All enquiries were answered through the live chat feature on the FNU website, messaging platforms and social media within minutes.

FNU’s Director Marketing and Communication, Jenies Mudiliar said the online delivery of the Open Day was planned and executed without any major challenges.

She added that it achieved the University’s goal of providing potential students important information regarding study opportunities offered by Fiji’s

national university.

“During the entire week, we had over 8,500 users who visited our Virtual Open Day tab on the FNU website. Quite a number of user’s accessed videos and information on our Colleges and support services,” said Mudiliar



FNU Director Marketing and Communications
Jenies Mudiliar

“We are grateful to the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts (MEHA) for their approval and the participation by all the schools across the country in this important annual event.”

“We have received positive reviews from schools

and we will continue to work with the schools through MEHA to ensure all students are well-informed about the wide range of programmes we offer as well as other important information such as minimum entry requirements for the relevant programmes.”

As part of the Open Day, short videos of all the FNU Colleges were uploaded on its website, together with key information regarding study programmes, fee payments, library services and student life services.

Three live chat sessions per day were scheduled for the entire week, which enabled potential students to ask questions regarding study areas of interest. FNU academic experts were on hand to answer all enquiries during the live interactive sessions.

“The longest chat through the chat widget on the FNU website lasted about two hours. This could have been a teacher sending queries on behalf of his/her students. This shows the level of enthusiasm from students to learn more about the programmes that we offer.”

“This is the first time that any tertiary institution has done this in Fiji and we are proud to pioneer this initiative and ensure that all Fijian students are well informed on the various academic pathways available to them.”

“We plan to expand on this in the coming years as it enabled our secondary schools which are geographically dispersed to participate in the Open Day as well.”

“We had some schools who had attended an Open Day for the first time as they were unable to come down to the Universities previously due to logistical challenges, and that was very rewarding to us,” Mudiliar commented.

FNU's Virtual Open Day saves 'time and money'



Baulevu High School Principal, Vishnu Sharma

For Baulevu High School Principal, Vishnu Sharma attending 'Open Days' had always meant proper planning and budgeting to ensure students visit the University Campuses, have discussions with academics and ultimately choose their place of study for the next academic year.

Sharma was astonished to find out about the Fiji National University's (FNU) first-ever Virtual

Open Day, which allowed students to partake in the annual event from their comfort zones and not stressing about being physically present at the University Campuses.

"FNU's Virtual Open Day was 'unique' in itself. The best part, of course, is that this year's event was a relief to schools like ours. We were not concerned about any financial arrangements to transport students to the Campuses or even spending an entire day visiting various booths to find out about the many courses and programmes offered by the University," said Sharma.

Situated at least 15 kilometres from Nausori Town, Baulevu High School is a semi-rural school with a student roll of a little over 250.

Given its location, travelling has always been time-consuming for students and teachers.

"There was a lot more participation of students in the Virtual Open Day this year. Normally on previous Open Days, we only take selected students due to the distance and cost."

"Overall, the Virtual Open Day was convenient in many ways. Students who participated in this exercise revealed that it was a learning experience for them and they enjoyed interacting with the facilitators," added Sharma.

The Nausori-based school was one of the initial schools to have registered in the FNU Virtual Open Day.

"We were fairly excited as our students to participate in this activity which was a first-of-its-kind. Therefore, we had registered our school's interest as soon as we received an invitation from the University and having seen it was approved by the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts (MEHA) we did not delay at all," added the School Principal.

"Now that we are moving towards the digital era, this is the way forward. I highly commend the Fiji National University for coming up with a great concept which was beneficial for our students."

Almost 70 students from Year 12 and Year 13 took part in the Virtual Open Day, having spent an hour during live sessions from 10 am – 11 am and 2 pm – 3 pm on the final two days of the week-long activity.

"Often the most useful part of an Open Day is getting the chance to speak to teaching staff on a one-to-one basis, and we are overwhelmed that this opportunity was provided to students online instead of face-to-face," said Careers Teacher Rihana Nisha.

"I noticed that most of our students found it easier to access the information online."

"Our students were commonly interested to know about the programmes and the career opportunities, the admission process and the fee structure," added Nisha.



Baulevu High School students participating in the FNU Virtual Open Day



Staff from the Fiji National University during the Virtual Open Day

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FNU Virtual Open Day was very helpful. I would like to join FNU's College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) as I have an immense interest in the field of Oral Health. Through the Virtual Open Day, I was able to know the requirements on how to get an admission into the Bachelor of Oral Health programme at FNU.

Shaalu Sanjani Prasad
Year 12



I wanted to know about the fee structure to study Bachelor of Commerce at FNU. Most of my queries were answered however given the volume of questions, the FNU staff must have been receiving a few questions were not answered in the given time. Despite this, all our queries were later responded to, via an email response.

Prerna Devi
Year 12



The live-chat session during the Virtual Open Day was beneficial. I was able to directly communicate with the FNU academic and obtained information regarding the Bachelor of Commerce in Accounting and Information System programme, which I intend to study in future.

Rishika Vanshika Dutt
Year 12



Following an interactive session with the staff during the Open Day, I have selected FNU as an ideal choice tertiary institution when I complete my secondary school. I have learnt that lecturers at FNU are not only theory trained but are also practically organised. The environment and facilities are better when compared to other Universities.

Simran Shivika Sharma
Year 12

Virtual Open Day 'a hit'



DAV College, Ba students watching the FNU open day videos

Under the 'new normal', the use of technology has been crucial to connect people from across the world for important meetings, conferences and events which either would require physical presence of participants.

With the COVID-19 pandemic restricting gatherings and dictating new methods of interaction, people have resorted to alternative ways of accessing information and making important life decisions.

One such decision is the task of choosing a field of study to pursue after high school, and more importantly, which university to attend.

Thanks to available technology, students and

members of the public were able to participate in the Fiji National University's (FNU) Virtual Open Day 2020.

Melea Mikado, 18, said she began researching FNU when she found out about the online 'visit' to the University and registered as an individual participant during the Virtual Open Day.

"I did some brief research on FNU so that I could ask questions that would help me decide a field of study," she said.

"I am interested in technology, and so I made sure I asked everything I could think of during the live chat sessions regarding the programmes I could study in

this field."

"I think the most useful aspect of any open day or campaign by universities that target interested students is when all our questions are answered in a manner we understand. This plays a huge part when we make decisions on our tertiary studies."

"This Open Day was definitely a hit."

DAV College, Ba, Agricultural Science Head of Department teacher, Roneel Ritesh Prasad echoed similar sentiments.

Prasad said having the pre-recorded videos divided into the respective College, support and other academic services offered by FNU made it easier for the interested participants to navigate.

"After watching the informative videos, I then showed the College of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (CAFF) video to my Agricultural Science students to show them the opportunities available to them."

"I also informed my Head of School of the videos, and we organised a screening so that all the Year 13 students could watch them before joining the live chat session with their questions."

"During physical Open Days, there is a lot of excitement and a lot of students are all asking questions at once that sometimes things still remain unclear, but this year, the one-on-one chats made things more interesting."

"This was a very interactive and interesting innovative idea brought by FNU."

The school's participation in the virtual open day proved worthwhile not just for the students, as Prasad also expressed his interest in upskilling his qualifications.

A 'better normal'

Students of Pundit Vishnu Deo Memorial College described the "new normal" as a "better normal", after virtually exploring the Fiji National University (FNU) campuses from the comfort of their school and homes.

Experiencing an open day in the digital space for the first time, staff and students commended FNU for reaching out to them amidst the gloominess of the recent COVID-19 pandemic.

The FNU virtual open day was an intriguing and exemplifying atmosphere for students according to Computer teacher, Meenal Reshmi.

She said it provided students with an opportunity to live chat with academics, who provided an overview of the various courses offered in terms of subjects and opportunities for progression after graduation.

"During the live question and answer sessions,

some students found that a course isn't what they thought it was, but they had a perfect opportunity to ask again and clear their doubts, and some even found a new field of interest."

"The virtual open day was a great avenue to gather as much academic information as possible," she said.

"The virtual open day effort showed FNU's commitment to educating the nation. The first-ever virtual open day for the students was beyond expectations. Students these days are very fond of their gadgets, and such an event has inspired them to think outside the box as the way forward in this era of digitalisation."

"Contrary to the face-to-face Open Days, we managed to save a lot of time and didn't have to worry much as the event happened at the school premises", she said.

The Lautoka-based students found the virtual

open day very informative and easy to navigate.

"Students were very appreciative that they had a glimpse of what university life is like without having to leave the comfort of their school."

"The online question and answer sessions were quite interactive as it was more convenient than face to face sessions, where they would be shy to interact," she said.

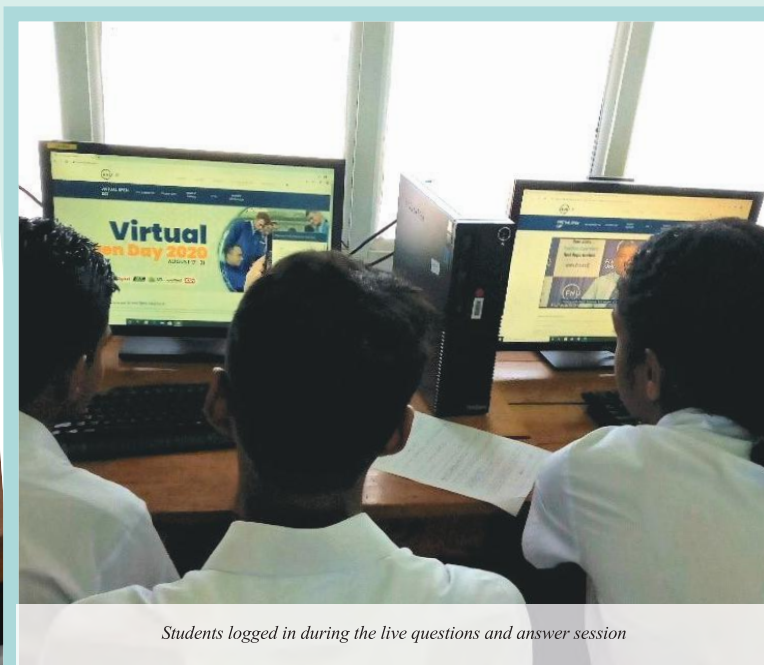
Reshmi said with safety and accessibility at the forefront of everyone's minds, FNU's virtual open day was a great way to connect and engage with students.

"After participating in the Q&A sessions, students have their doubts cleared and got an idea of what life will be in their years at the university," she said.

About 50 Year 13 students from the school participated in the virtual open day.



Students of Pundit Vishnu Deo college watching the FNU college videos



Students logged in during the live questions and answer session

Virtual Open Day convenient for workers – Devi



Sandhya Devi

For 25-year-old, Sandhya Devi, the Virtual Open Day offered convenience and flexibility in terms of communicating with academics regarding study options, viewing College videos and obtaining other relevant information online.

Devi is a foreign exchange consultant and is looking forward to reskilling herself by pursuing a Bachelor of Commerce in Banking and Finance.

“I am interested in this programme because this discipline has a wide career scope. It provides the foundation for a broad range of careers in banking, broking, consulting, funds management and so forth.”

“I had questions relating to entry into this programme, which has now been answered by the staff at FNU through their live question and answer chat session.”

Devi discovered the Virtual Open Day via FNU’s Facebook page, and her impression was “what a convenient and comfortable way to get information about career prospects.”

“Normally during this time of the year, secondary school students, parents, and those

wanting to up-skill themselves look forward to attending the university Open Days.”

“This year, however, we could have been disadvantaged of the information necessary in making a career choice, but I commend Fiji National University for taking the lead role in organising the Virtual Open Day and having a feature whereby we can communicate with the staff.”

“I did not feel any pressure in asking my questions through the live Q&A chat session for which I had registered.”

Devi believes conducting Open Day online enables working individuals a convenient way to explore options available for upskilling or reskilling themselves.

“Although it has several advantages for secondary school students, in a normal Campus visit Open Day setting, people who are already in the workforce usually miss out on the information provided by the universities about further studies.”

“It becomes difficult for working individuals to visit open days or even the campuses to get information if we want to do further studies.”

“This situation of the global pandemic has given a wonderful idea whereby universities in our country should now consider having such events online as well as on-campus in future.”

“The videos are an easier way to go to FNU’s website at any time after the virtual open day and access the content. This is a perfect opportunity to ask something or check something out that we may have forgotten earlier – basically, convenient for information access even after the virtual open day,” Devi added.

Chandra excited to join FNU

Deciding on an academic career and choosing the right University would have been a mammoth task for 18-year-old Shradha Chandra, but thanks to the Fiji National University’s (FNU) Virtual Open Day she has made a well-informed decision about her future.

Chandra, a Year 13 student at Jai Narayan College, said the recent virtual open day event hosted by FNU had equipped her with relevant information to kick-start her academic journey.

“Determining what’s next for me, and my career is one thing that has been on my mind for a long time. Therefore I took the Open Day platform as a key to making an informed decision about where I will pursue my tertiary education. Eager to know about the various programmes which interest me, I participated in several chat sessions during the week,” she said.

“I take pure science in school, which is a combination of Mathematics, English, Chemistry, Biology and Physics; therefore, I was more interested in obtaining details about FNU’s College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS). The online chat-session enabled me to discover whatever I needed to know.”

The enthusiastic science student aspires to become a doctor.

“It has always been my ambition to join the medical field, and this is the reason why I chose science subjects in high school. I want to join FNU from the next academic year because it is the most renowned university in Fiji which offers my preferred choice of programme.”

Chandra described the inaugural Virtual Open Day session as ‘efficient’, where students were able to access chat sessions at their own pace.



Shradha Chandra

“One of the best things about FNU’s Open Days is the fact that you will have a chance to ask lecturers and other University staff any questions that you might have. Some of the queries which I made were in regards to the application for admission and enrolment dates. I was informed that the next application deadline date is 29th November. I also enquired about the fee structure and was given a link to look into for fees allocations,” she said.

Reading course descriptions online or in a prospectus is not the same as discussing it with those involved in the delivery of the programme,” she mentioned.

Chandra said through the online Campus tour videos, she was able to see first-hand where she will be studying come next year.

“Unlike in previous years, we were able to save a lot of time this year. By making visits to the Campuses, the teaching and learning time used to be compromised. The most helpful part about this year’s virtual session was that there’s no limit as to how many live-chat sessions a student can attend when compared to past Open Days, which is a huge relief since previously, schools were allocated a certain time to visit the Campuses and go through the booths and displays,” added the student.

Students share experience

Despite the cold and rainy weather, the school day for students of Tailevu North College started with excitement and chatter as they participated in the first-ever Fiji National University (FNU) Virtual Open Day.

Around 150 students from the Year 12 and 13 streams assembled in the school hall to view the pre-recorded videos regarding the Colleges, programmes and student support services through the University’s newly designed website.

The students were captivated by the campus tour video and envisioned themselves amongst the crowd of people walking the hallways to and from classes.

After listening attentively to the messages from FNU’s Acting Vice-Chancellor, College Deans and academic services, the students and teachers joined the live chat session to ask questions that were answered in real-time by representatives from the University.

Year 13 student Sidhan Sorof Prasad said being part of the virtual open day was both exciting and informative for him.



Sidhan Prasad

The 18-year-old said that despite the COVID-19 restrictions around the globe and in Fiji, the students were grateful that the FNU Open Day was still part of their events calendar this year.

“It is really appreciating that FNU is always there for the upcoming generations and they always provide the best services to students,” he said.

“We found out online that the FNU Open Day this year would still be held and the teachers and students were really happy because we would always attend previous Open Days organised at the campuses.”

“When I got home from school I also joined the live chat sessions and my queries were answered and

explained well by the staff of FNU.”

Prasad, who grew up in the small settlement of Nabilo near Korovou, said he was interested in reading and writing and was fascinated with computers.

“I take Computer Science and Office Technology subjects in high school and I like learning new things about computers so I was happy to learn about the Bachelor of Education in Computer Science and Information Systems degree. I am now interested in joining FNU.”

Former Tailevu North College student Angeline Sheenal Lal also joined the current students at the school hall to learn about her academic opportunities at FNU.

Lal, 22, said she completed high school in 2015 and was interested in options available in her field of study.

“I took Maths, English Agricultural Science, Economics and Geography in high school. I aim to become a Customs officer at Biosecurity Authority of Fiji (BAF) after I complete university studies so after the live chat session I decided I would like to enroll in the Bachelor of Science in Agriculture programme.”

Lal said after the virtual open day session, the students were more aware of the various entry pathways and programmes at FNU that suited their interests and ambitions.

“We benefited a lot because we were unaware of certain things and so after the live chat, we shared what we learnt with each other.”

The duo acknowledged the FNU personnel involved in the virtual open day and thanked them for their efficient service.



Angeline Lal

Virtual Open Day presents insights into different careers – Sharma



Ritika Sharma

Amidst restrictions placed by authorities to keep Fijians safe from the COVID-19 global pandemic, Ritika Sharma, a Ba Sangam College student was thrilled to learn through social

media of Fiji National University's (FNU) first-ever Virtual Open Day.

"I'm so happy that FNU decided to hold its Open Day online. It was a huge relief for my friends and I," said Sharma.

"We are at an important stage in our lives as we have to decide which career we want to pursue and align our tertiary studies accordingly. The Coronavirus pandemic has caused great disruptions this year, and we must keep our studies on-track."

"We thought this year there would not be any Open Days and we became worried as to where will we get the information from regarding programmes that we want to study and how to apply for a place at the university," said Sharma.

Through assistance from their Careers teacher, 34 Year 13 students of Ba Sangam College registered for the live question and answer chat session.

"We explored the FNU virtual open day webpage and watched all the videos together in the school. We prepared our questions after watching the videos, which were answered by the staff at FNU."

"There were two live sessions during school hours and one session after hours – that was 5 pm to 6 pm. Our Careers teacher encouraged us to utilise the after-

hours session at home and ask any questions that we may have."

"I believe this is the biggest advantage of conducting open days in such a manner – we have the materials online, and we can get access to it anytime from anywhere. Even I can browse through the website and get the feel of studying at FNU."

Sharma is looking forward to joining FNU's College of Medicine, Nursing and Health Sciences (CMNHS) next year.

"I have always admired careers which are focused on helping others and because of this, I have decided to enrol in the Bachelor of Nursing programme."

"This is a rewarding career, and the professionals in this field are trusted and respected because of their nature of work – their daily tasks are dedicated on saving lives, helping others, improving the health and wellbeing of others and making the patients feel better."

Getting the opportunity to translate every new challenge into a learning experience is also a pull factor for Sharma to consider a career in this profession.

"I believe nurses never stop learning. In their day-to-day work they learn about diseases, treatments, cultures and people," Sharma added.

Students 'impressed'

Waking up early and travelling a few hours to attend university open days was a thing of the past for Rakiraki High School students this year, as they eagerly participated in Fiji National University's (FNU) first ever-virtual open day from the comfort of their school.

About 112 students from Year 12 and Year 13, with a click of a button, in a safe and convenient space, acquired information on tertiary studies virtually.

Careers teacher, Ritesh Chand said that students were impressed with the first-ever virtual open day, which enabled them to get tertiary studies requirement without having to travel far as previously many students missed out due to long-distance travel.

"FNU should make the virtual open day an annual event to enable students to get academic advice from the comfort of their schools and home."

"This is an overwhelming and laudable move by FNU. This is the first time with the click of a button we have access to a wide range of programmes on offer."

"As a careers teacher, I feel that more of this kind of sessions should be organised in the near future so that those students who are not able to make it up in person to open days, they can partake in sessions like this," he said.

Chand said students participated in the virtual open day without any difficulties and received the required information.

"The virtual open day gave students great opportunities to find out about student life and studying at FNU. Throughout the live questions and answer session student had the opportunity to learn more about the academic courses and chat with lecturers," he said.

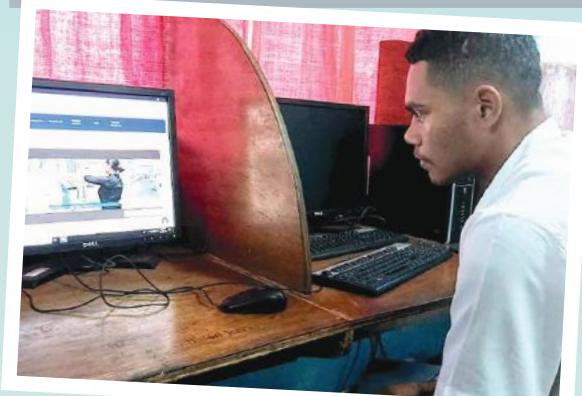
Chand said the school didn't face any difficulties logging on the revamped FNU website. After registering the school, the students watched the videos to understand the programmes offered by the University.

"The virtual open day consisted of a mix of presentations, videos and live chats and included a virtual tour which showcased the beautiful FNU campuses and facilities," said Chand.

Chand stated the useful feature of the virtual open day was the live questions and answer session with academic experts.



Rakiraki Public High getting watching college videos during the virtual open week



"The feedbacks were optimistic; however, some led to probing questions. By this, it clearly showed that students inquisitiveness to know more from what they have asked initially."

"The advantage of the chat sessions was that we saved the chat session history, and if need be, we can refer to it in future," he said.

Chand explained that just like preparing for exams, students prepared themselves to experience the first-ever virtual open day.

"The students did the research and had prepared a set of questions before the Q&A sessions. FNU provided with an insight into what it has to offer," he said.

The virtual open day was also an excellent opportunity for teachers to get academic information to upskill their qualification.

School receives prize



Nabua Secondary School principal Amita Raju, middle, with Year 13 students of Nabua Secondary School with their FNU Virtual Open Day sports prize.

Nabua Secondary School students were happy to have their afternoon class end five minutes early so they could receive their sports pack prize from the Fiji National University (FNU).

The school received the prize as one of the participant winners during the FNU Virtual Open Day.

Principal, Amita Raju, said the 97 Year 12 and 13 students were divided according to their subjects and watched the relevant pre-recorded videos regarding the programmes offered at FNU's Colleges.

"We registered online and booked our computer lab for our live question and answer sessions whereby the students asked questions they had prepared earlier," Raju said.

"The FNU Virtual Open Day 2020 was an intriguing experience for both the students and the teachers and more such communication will create awareness for students. The students had a wonderful time and although it was something new, they got the gist of how it worked as the hour progressed."

STUDENT TESTIMONIALS



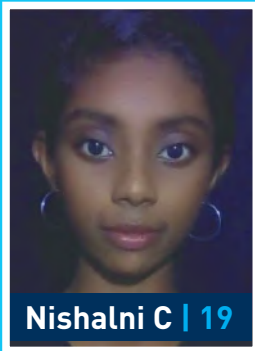
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"The FNU Open Day videos were really interesting and I learnt about the various campuses the University has around Fiji. I enjoyed the College of Business, Hospitality and Tourism Studies (CBHTS) video as I am interested in studying under this College."

"I registered for the FNU Virtual Open Day 2020 to learn about the opportunities available for me to upskill my qualifications. The videos were well structured and informative. I have now decided to further my studies in the Banking field of study."



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"The Virtual Open Day was a life saver for people like me who need help choosing the right university to attend. After the live chat session, I am positive I am undertaking studies in the medical field. The best part was that we had our queries answered whilst sitting in the comfort of our homes."

"I was excited to be part of the FNU Virtual Open Day with my classmates and we had lots of questions that we had for the FNU staff who were responding to us. It was good to know that there was a lot of programme options we had based on the subjects we take in high school."



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"We were told by our teachers about the FNU Virtual Day and so we had allocated time during our Computer class to ask questions when it was the Question and Answer session so that was quite a new and exciting experience for us. I have also visited some FNU campuses in the past with my sister so I knew some locations mentioned by FNU."

"Conducting a Virtual Open Day is the best decision made by the Fiji National University and I would like to acknowledge the staff involved in this activity for their hard work. As someone interested in furthering studies at FNU, I can say that I have managed to get answers to all my queries which will help me successfully get enrolled in the Bachelor's programme next year."



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"This has been a great initiative taken by FNU as due to the global pandemic and social-distancing students were affected as schools and universities were closed for some time. Now, that we are now adapting to the 'new normal' such things like Open Day must be conducted as education need to continue. Through this Virtual Open Day, students got a chance to find out about their career paths and programmes offered by FNU."

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