

Phase 2 re-opening of FNU campuses

Dear FNU students and staff

Please read this email carefully as it contains important information about access to campuses from Tuesday 19 October 2021.

Following a successful partial re-opening of FNU campuses last week, and in light of the Prime Minister's announcement of a further easing of national restrictions, the Senior Leadership Team is pleased to announce the arrangements for Phase 2 of FNU's re-opening, commencing Tuesday 19 October 2021:

- All libraries and ICT labs will be open to **all fully-vaccinated students**, but with reduced capacity in order to maintain social distancing. Opening hours for libraries and ICT labs will be 8am-8pm Monday-Friday and 8am-5pm Saturday and Sunday. Please note that it will be mandatory to wear a face-mask when using these facilities.
- In-person classes will continue for those students who need to complete practical assignments – these are the same students who have already been contacted by their Department, School or College, plus two groups of students from the Fiji Maritime Academy who have to complete MSAF exams before the end of November.
- If you have not been contacted by the University, your learning, teaching and assessment will remain online for the rest of the Semester.
- All Senate-approved decisions on learning, teaching and assessment will remain in place for Semester 2.
- Outdoor sports will be permitted.
- Gyms will remain closed.
- Cafeterias will reopen for take-away service.
- Essential staff meetings may take place on campus, at the discretion of the Dean or Director, with all the usual COVID-19 protocols in place. **Only fully-vaccinated staff will be permitted on campus.**
- In addition to nominated staff who have returned to campus from 4th October, fully-vaccinated staff who are experiencing genuine difficulties with working from home may request permission to work on campus; all such requests will be approved on a case-by-case basis by Deans and Directors. If you do not have permission from your Dean or Director to work on campus, please continue to work from home.

- Approved vendors and contractors will be allowed on campus subject to all the usual COVID-19 protocols.

In order to maintain the health and safety of all staff and students, the following measures will be operational, in accordance with the directive from the Fiji Higher Education Commission:

- Only staff and students who have been fully vaccinated (or who have proof that they have been granted exemption from vaccination) will be permitted to enter FNU premises.
- Staff and students are required to show their proof of vaccination status and FNU identification card to security at the campus entrance. Failure to show both these documents will result in refusal of entry. This is to protect all students and staff.
- All staff and students must adhere strictly to all the COVID-19 safety protocols while on campus:
 - ◇ A face covering must be worn at all times
 - ◇ 2-metre social distancing must be observed at all times (teaching spaces have been reconfigured, and room capacities reduced, to maintain social distancing)
 - ◇ The CareFiji app must be installed and activated on your device
 - ◇ Please wash your hands regularly with soap and water or use a hand sanitiser (sanitiser stations will be installed throughout campuses)
- Clear signage will be installed across campuses to remind everyone of the COVID-19 safety protocols

For further information, please consult the FAQs on the FNU website:
<https://www.fnu.ac.fj/re-opening-of-fnu/faqs/>

Students requiring any further information should contact their College Dean or the Office of the Registrar. Staff requiring any further information should consult their line manager or the Division of Human Resources.

With best wishes,

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