

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula Vinaka to our FNU Vuvale!

Last week has been one of celebration, partnership, and purposeful engagement across our FNU community.

On Wednesday, 26 November, the Office of Learning and Teaching's International Office hosted its Completion Ceremony at our Nasinu Campus. We came together to honour the remarkable achievements of 13 students from across the Pacific region who have successfully completed their studies at FNU.

These graduates, spanning undergraduate to master's level, have shown dedication, resilience, and a deep commitment to their education. It was a privilege to celebrate their success. Their achievements also reflect the strength of our partnership with the Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) through the Australia Awards Pacific Scholarships (AAPS), which has supported their learning and development journey. We value this collaboration and the opportunities it creates for our region's future leaders.

Another key engagement was the visit by the Permanent Secretary for Agriculture and Waterways, Dr Andrew Tukana. His visit to the University offered a valuable opportunity to discuss the future of the FNU Navua site and the potential it holds for education, innovation, and community impact. Our discussions centred on development plans that strengthen collaboration between FNU and the Ministry of Agriculture and ensure that the site contributes meaningfully to the sustainable development of the Navua region. This reflects our ongoing commitment to building partnerships that benefit our students, our communities, and Fiji's long-term growth.

Last week we also farewelled our Senior Manager Secretariat, who has now been appointed Fiji's Ambassador to Geneva. We wish him every success in his new role and thank him for his dedicated service to FNU.

In addition, our Diploma in Vanua Leadership students have completed module 1 of their

programme. We thank the Centre for Appropriate Technology and Development in Nadave for taking good care of them and look forward to seeing them next semester for Module II.

As we conclude the week, FNU proudly joins the global community in launching the **16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence**. This campaign is a powerful reminder that safety, dignity, and equality are fundamental rights, rights that must be protected across all our campuses and workspaces. During these 16 days, I encourage each of us to reflect, speak out, support survivors, and challenge attitudes and behaviours that enable violence. Together, we can build an FNU where everyone feels safe, empowered, and respected.

Finally, we extend our best wishes to all students graduating next week. May your hard work and dedication continue to guide you toward success in all your future endeavours.

Reflecting on November, it has been a month full of achievements, meaningful engagements, and fruitful collaborations across the University. From celebrating our students' academic success to strengthening partnerships and supporting community initiatives, we have seen the strength, resilience, and spirit of our FNU family shine.

As we welcome December, the final month of the year, let us continue to work with purpose, support one another, and finish 2025 on a high note. May this month bring productivity, positivity, and joy as we prepare for the year ahead.

Vinaka vakalevu, and I wish you all a productive and positive week ahead.

Blessings and Good Health!

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