

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S WEEKLY MESSAGE

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Bula Vinaka to our FNU Vuvale!

I am happy to announce that the Fiji National University has officially transitioned to operate under the Office of the Prime Minister within the Ministry of Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics.

I would like to clearly state that this move was requested by the University. Our first formal discussion on this reassignment took place on 9th August 2024. This is not a takeover. It is a considered request made by FNU after careful thought and planning.

We requested to move from the Ministry of Education to the Office of the Prime Minister because of the University's national role and growing responsibilities. We are thankful to the Honourable Prime Minister and the Ministry of Strategic Planning, National Development and Statistics for supporting this request and for working closely with us to make this transition possible.

I would also like to acknowledge the Chair of Council, the Deputy Chair of Council, and members of Council, who have been consistent and supportive throughout this process.

It is already the first month of the year, thank you for bringing all your POSITIVE efforts to the University! God Continues to be our Guide, Lording over all of FNU!

Last week, Monday January 12th to Friday 16th has been very Productive! We saw Team Marketing on the road and we are grateful and understand that you are doing your very best!

I sincerely thank you team from the **Department of Marketing and Communications** for leading the Fiji National University 2026 Roadshow. Your planning, coordination and hard work have been important in reaching students, parents and communities across the country.

I also wish to thank all **College representatives** and support staff who have been out in the field over the past few days and who will again be on the ground this week. I acknowledge the time

and effort you have given, often away from your normal duties, to support this important exercise for the University. Thank you Deans and Directors!

To all students who have received their offer letters and have chosen to join Fiji National University, I warmly welcome you. You are now part of a national university that is committed to learning, skills development and service to our communities. I also welcome back our returning students and encourage you to continue working hard as you progress in your studies this semester.

I thank all staff, members of the Senior Leadership Team, and all Heads of Campus for the good work you continue to do across the University. Your leadership, teamwork and commitment are recognised and valued, and they continue to strengthen FNU as one university across all campuses. To all staff, thank you for beginning the year with DILIGENCE! In all our Campuses and centres, I know you are giving your Best! Check that all student spaces are welcoming!

Last week, the University team also held a series of meetings with our partners to ensure that our programmes, services and operations are ready for the new academic year. I thank all our partners for their continued support and cooperation which help the University to run smoothly and serve our students better.

Let's continue to work together as one team.

Once again, I thank all staff for your dedication and service. To our new and returning students, welcome to the new semester. I wish you all a successful and productive 2026 at the Fiji National University.

May You all Be Blessed!

Vinaka Vakalevu.

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