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Dear Students



Semester 1 Assessment response to civil unrest: update



We understand that focusing on your studies and assessments while your community is being torn apart is not possible. We will, and must, heal, move forward, and reclaim our ambitions and hopes. To do that we need to also reclaim our academic journeys towards our qualifications. Creating the opportunities for your success is not a trivial decision for us under current circumstances.



Last year, during the first wave of COVID, we extended all deadlines for students up to a final deadline date to enable each student to navigate the path that worked for them. The result was not as we had hoped, and many experienced the lack of structure as anxiety provoking, and the overall improvement in student performance was not achieved. There was also a significant increase in violations of our intellectual integrity standards. We need to learn from those lessons.



Completion of S1 summative assessments:

The short-term relief we can offer you is as follows:

For students who are unable to complete any assessments scheduled between 12 -31 July (including the 19th of July extension already granted), due to the civil unrest and its impact, you can apply via The Student HUB to write in sitting 2 without any penalty.

We know you have had many letters about changes and may be feeling a bit lost. Full details of summative assessment arrangements and concessions for this semester and next will be described in an Assessment Policy Addendum and your revised PAS, which will be available by the end of next week. Please use the PAS to work out the impact on you and please check you are using the latest one.

Semester 2 Start:

In addition, we have decided that the first 2 weeks of Semester 2 (2- 13 August) will be scheduled as online Collab sessions and not on campus teaching, your timetable for this will be released in due course.

We appeal to you, if any of these arrangements are not to your liking, to place your personal situation in the broader context of what all 44 000 of our students are facing. We appeal to you to understand how these inconveniences may be necessary to ensure that all of you have the best chance to succeed this year.

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We will do what we can to keep arrangements stable and to communicate if we cannot do so because of more disruptions later in the year or a worsening of the COVID situation. Take care of yourselves.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Felicity Coughlan'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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