Information for UCOL Students and Staff

Whanganui Campus Students Meeting

Friday 8 May 2020, meeting opened 2pm.

In attendance from UCOL

Jerry Sherman - Executive Director Applied Education and Research
Christine Beech – Director Public Relations and Communication
Stewart Davies - Health and Safety Emergency Management Officer
Lindsay Tamblyn – Head of School - Construction and Engineering
Bridget Percy – Head of School - Education
Margot Ferrick - Head of School – Technologies
Victoria Campbell – Head of School - Creatives
Coral Hanna – Student Success Senior Manager- Whanganui
Teina Mataira - Pouarahi Maori and Pacific Peoples Education
Bronwyn Paul – Campus Manager – Whanganui
Lux Adams – Engagement Coordinator - Whanganui

UCOL Update

We have been planning for Alert Level 2. We have to layer over the Government announcement and advice from Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health and apply that to the UCOL setting. We will be sticking with our long term plan developed before lock down. For semester one we will look to do remote online learning as much as possible. There will be exceptions for those who may need more time on campus. We are looking at specific cases such as for practical work, exams and assessments. We want to get those students who don't have devices back on to campus. Computer labs may reopen for students who live close to the campus. It is a fast changing situation. If you are expected to be on campus, you will be contacted by your lecturer or Programme Leader. You should wait to hear from them.

One class (Creatives - Glass) is already on site now. NZ Glassworks haven't opened as yet. We will look at what else we can bring on at Level 2. Lecturers are working closely with students. We're communicating with students through Moodle, Collaborate, etc. We will be looking at a staged re-entry. There is a lot of preparation that has to go on prior to moving levels, e.g. health and safety and what Alert level 2 will look like across all campuses. We need to maintain social distancing and contact tracing. Lots of prep work is being done in terms of ensuring cleaning, hygiene, and social distancing. We will confirm your contact details when you come on to campus so we are compliant with contact tracing requirements.

Student Success are continuing to provide services remotely and working hard to provide support through different formats to meet student needs. The team are planning for when we move to Alert level 2. The Library will be open to provide a click and collect service. Individual appointments will be available by appointment online and in person. Reminder that Youth Services Trust (YST) continue to provide consults by phone and video. All UCOL students who live in the Whanganui area (including students over 24) can access YST Whanganui health services phone 06-348 9935 or 0226855912 for an appointment.

Things will be quite different when you return to campus. We want all students to complete their programme of study. We are looking at how we are going to work with the Technology Access Fund for Learners (TAFL). We need to make sure that we can get devices and connectivity to students that need them. There will be more news about this soon.

The UCOL Whanganui Scholarship Applications are still open and will remain open until two weeks after we are back on campus. There will only be one Scholarship Ceremony this year and that is likely to be in the second semester. Enquiries to Campus Manager Bronwyn Paul at b.paul@ucol.ac.nz

Answers to Student Questions/Discussions

- Acknowledgment from students around faculty and Student Success support. Positive feedback from students for assignment support and mental health support.

- Question around clinical placements and completing year 3 Bachelor of Nursing.
  A – We are working with providers around clinical. We are doing all we can so student progress is not hindered.