



VicTas Branch Newsletter

Dear _____,

These are challenging times.

There is a plethora of information and fact sheets, yet we find ourselves with more questions than answers. Globally students studying away from their home country are facing the same challenges and asking the same questions. Should I return home? What happens to my visa? Can I get home? How do I continue to pay fees? Is there a reduction to tuition fees? Can I get a refund on my public transport card? Can I continue to study online if I choose to return to my home country? The list of questions is endless.

ISANA VicTas knows that you are all playing an important role in keeping the students front of mind, and ensuring they feel supported in their decision making. Thank you.

ISANA VicTas acknowledges that as advisers, your normal work routines have changed and you are also concerned for the future of our sector. Please reach out to ISANA for support and advice.

Survey

ISANA sent out a newsletter last week asking you to complete a survey. Your response to the survey will help inform the branch on the support you require. If you missed this email, please [click here](#) to complete the survey:

Useful Fact Sheets and Information

General:

Austrade <https://www.studyinaustralia.gov.au/English/COVID-19-resource-hub/agent-and-provider-update>

Department of Health and Human Services Victoria <https://www.dhhs.vic.gov.au/translated-resources-coronavirus-disease-covid-19>

SBS have launched a portal in multi languages updating Coronavirus.
<https://www.sbs.com.au/language/coronavirus>

City of Melbourne <https://www.melbourne.vic.gov.au/news-and-media/pages/council-calls-for-international-student-support.aspx>

TEQSA and VRQA please subscribe for newsletter

OSHC – check providers

Teaching and Learning Online:

JISC - A compilation of information, advice and guidance, hints and tips and tools and techniques shared by JISC's planning for coronavirus community of practice.

<https://groups.diigo.com/group/COVID19>

TEQSA <https://www.teqsa.gov.au/online-learning-good-practice>

TELAS Technology Enhanced Learning Accreditation Standards <https://www.telas.edu.au/wp-content/uploads/2020/02/TELAS-Accreditation-Framework.pdf>

eSafety Commissioner <https://www.esafety.gov.au/educators>

ISANA Conference update

2020 ISANA Conference postponed to 24-26 November 2021. The conference will still be held in Christchurch.

I encourage all members to keep in contact with ISANA.

Stay safe,

Margaret Dawson

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