

Dear Student,

We are writing to you concerning the outbreak of novel Coronavirus (n-CoV) and the measures Wentworth Institute (WIN) is taking to support you. We are all aware that this is a rapidly changing situation and we will be sending you updates as matters change.

As you are aware the Australian Government has suspended all travel from mainland China to Australia in response to the Corona virus outbreak. This measure applies to everyone except Australian citizens, permanent residents and their families until further notice.

The main group of students impacted by this decision are of course students from China. However, we are aware that students from other countries including India and Nepal may have travel plans which involve them transiting through mainland China. Such travel plans would of course result in those students being unable to gain entry into Australia.

Therefore, some students may change their travel arrangements so that they do not transit through mainland China. Some students may, however, find it very difficult or even impossible to accommodate those changes on such short notice.

It is important that you understand that all classes at WIN in Sydney will be conducted as usual. Orientation commences on 24 February 2020 and classes resume on 2 March 2020. It is crucial that if you are in Australia on those dates, you fulfil your visa requirements and attend these sessions.

For those students who are unable to be in Australia at the commencement of this semester, because of issues associated with the coronavirus, we will be providing online teaching materials and additional lecturer support to enable you to effectively continue your studies.

In order to protect your status under a student visa, it is crucial that you continue your studies either onshore or offshore. You must inform us by **14 February 2020** if you are unable to gain reentry into Australia, pay your fees by 19 February and attend the orientation on **24/25 February 2020**.

Gary Sanderfield
Chief Executive Officer

