

## **Coronavirus information**

Southern Cross Education Institute (SCEI) is closely monitoring the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak and we are aligning our actions with advice from the Australian Government. This page will be updated to ensure the health, safety and wellbeing of our community.

Our Institute is continuing to welcome students from around the globe, with enrolments and classes as normal. There are no suspected or confirmed cases of COVID-19 among SCEI staff or students.

Key points are provided below for staff and students.

### **Government travel advice**

- The Australian Government's advice of 'do not travel' to China due to COVID-19 has been extended to Iran.
- The Australian Government has raised the level of advice for the Republic of Korea (South Korea) to 'reconsider your need to travel' (level 3 of 4) up from 'exercise a high degree of caution' (level 2).
- The Australian Government has placed temporary restrictions on entry into Australia from China, Iran and South Korea.
- These restrictions are being reviewed on a weekly basis.
- People other than Australian citizens or permanent residents who have been in or transited through mainland China, Iran or South Korea, are not permitted to enter Australia within 14 days.
- Australian citizens and permanent residents returning from these regions may enter Australia, as can their immediate family members (spouses, legal guardians or dependants only). They will be required to self-isolate at home for 14 days.

### **Attendance at SCEI**

SCEI students and staff cannot attend classes on campus:

- If they have left or transited through mainland China on or after 1 February 2020, or
- have left or transited from Iran on or after 1 March 2020, or
- South Korea after 5 March 2020. This also applies to Australian citizens or permanent residents. All individuals must self-isolate themselves for 14 days after leaving or transiting these regions.
- If they have been in close contact with someone confirmed as having COVID-19, they must isolate themselves for 14 days from the time of last contact and follow the direction of medical authorities.

If no symptoms develop during the isolation period, normal attendance and activities at SCEI may resume.

Those who have been only to Hong Kong, Macau or Taiwan (and not mainland China) may attend SCEI.

If any staff member needs to isolate themselves at home, please advise your manager or HR representative.

## **Effect on teaching**

SCEI has temporarily paused staff travel to mainland China and Iran.

We now also advise you not to travel to Daegu because of the significant outbreak of COVID-19 there. For staff in South Korea, monitor your health closely and follow the advice of local authorities.

Where government travel advice indicates a heightened level of risk in a country due to COVID-19, staff and student travel will only be approved if deemed essential and will require approval by the CEO. Currently this applies to mainland China, Japan, South Korea and Italy.

Travel advisories are reviewed regularly and updated as required by DFAT through their [Smart Traveller](#) website.

As developments occur we are assessing the effect on and this page will be updated as decisions are reviewed.

## **Support for SCEI staff and students**

If you are concerned you may have COVID-19 please phone your preferred health service provider before attending their clinic.

## **International students**

An Australian national email and hotline has been established to answer questions from international students:  
[international.students@dese.gov.au](mailto:international.students@dese.gov.au) or 1300 981 621 (8am to 8pm AEDST Monday to Friday).

[The Study in Australia website](#) also has information for international students.

Overseas students can also contact their private health provider

## **General information and advice**

A national Coronavirus Health Information Line is now available on 1800 020 080. Please call this number if you are seeking information on the virus.

Further advice can be found on:

- [Australian Government Department of Health](#) - providing the most up-to-date and relevant information on the virus outbreak and is the recommended source of advice
- Australian Government Department of Health hotline: 1800 004 599
- [DFAT Smarttraveller](#)
- [SA Health website](#)
- [Health Victoria](#)
- [World Health Organization](#).

[View a range of Coronavirus resources from the Australian Government Department of Health.](#)

National broadcaster the ABC has established a [podcast](#) with respected medical expert Dr Norman Swan to answer coronavirus questions.