



WAM Statement from Head of School

Dear Students,

I am aware that many of you have been coping with difficult circumstances and the School admires how well students are doing despite this.

As you are most likely aware, our Vice Chancellor recently released a statement that the Academic Board has decided that results from Semester 1, 2020 will not be included in the calculation of a student's Weighted Average Mark (WAM) unless the mark achieved for the subject is equal to or higher than the WAM the student achieved at the beginning of the semester. This principle is designed to prevent students from being disadvantaged by the effects of COVID-19. As also advised by the Academic Board, at the conclusion of their studies students can request that all results recorded against the COVID-19 code be included in their WAM calculation.

Although Academic Board will be releasing more information over the coming days about how this process will be implemented by the University, I wanted to respond to our students' initial questions about how this will apply to our School's selection processes. At our staff School meeting on Tuesday, our staff endorsed the principle of the Academic Board to prevent students from being disadvantaged by COVID-19, and as a result our selection processes (e.g., for Honours, Graduate Diploma Advanced, Masters) will follow the guidelines of Academic Board and will NOT include any subject score that is unavailable for University WAM calculations because it has been assigned the COVID-19 code, unless the students requests otherwise via the process advised by Academic Board.

Further information on each of our School's selection processes can be found here.

Please also don't hesitate to reach out if you need support. The University has set-up a range of services during this time, which you can find here.

Best of luck with your studies for the remainder of the semester.

Best regards
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I acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which I work, and pay my respects to the Elders, past and present.